

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

BOARD MEETING

JULY 8, 1997

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BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, July 8, 1997

Chairman Daniel Babin presiding.

Jerald Hanchey
Norman McCall
Glynn Carver
Perry Gisclair
Joseph Cormier

Secretary James H. Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Commissioner Tom Gattle was absent from the meeting.

Chairman Babin called for a motion for approval of the **June 6, 1997 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Carver and seconded by Commissioner Gisclair. The motion passed with no opposition.

Final Ratification of the 1997-98 Resident Game Hunting Seasons was given by Mr. Tommy Prickett. The ratification would cover hunting seasons and regulations for resident species, wildlife management areas, national wildlife refuges and other Department properties. A Notice of Intent was presented and approved in March 1997. Public comments have been accepted since then and the proposed regulations were amended. Mr. Prickett then suggested taking public comments before a final decision was made.

Mr. Dick Smith, Louisiana Dog Hunters Association, stated they were notified 27 days ago of a request to move a portion of Area 2 into Area 3. He noted Area 2 was the biggest area in the state for people to hunt. Mr. Smith then acknowledged Commissioner Carver as being a representative from Area 2. He explained how certain hunters already have their vacations planned and, with this change, the still hunt season will open two weeks before Area 2. Mr. Smith asked that the change not occur for at least one year to allow for more studying. Mr. Prickett stated the process of setting seasons was an involved process and direction was needed from the Commission. He then went over the changes from last year's pamphlet to let everyone know what they are. These included giving the Secretary authority to amend or alter a season for sound biological reasons; extending the squirrel season through February 8; expanding either sex hunting from one day to two days on 12 wildlife management areas; standardizing the small game seasons on the wildlife management areas; allowing hogs to be taken any time a season is open on a wildlife management area; requiring all small game hunters wear hunter orange vest or cap when gun season is

open; adding one week of muzzleloader season statewide; opening and closing archery season one week earlier for deer hunting in Area 3; creating a new still hunting area in southwestern Washington Parish; and the proposed move of a small portion of Rapides, Vernon and Natchitoches Parishes into Area 3. Mr. Prickett reminded the Commission that this last request was made by hunters at the April Meeting. One change from this year's Legislative Session was House Bill 1316 which closes the doe hunting season for three years in Franklin, Caldwell, portions of Catahoula and Concordia Parishes with the exception of lands listed in the DMAP program and wildlife management areas. Commissioner Carver asked if there was going to be additional pressure on the wildlife management areas as a result of the House Bill? Mr. Prickett stated there probably would not be a great influx of hunters on the WMAs just to take advantage of the two days of either sex hunting. Mr. Hugh Bateman stated this Bill has not yet been signed by the Governor but the deadline for the submission of the hunting pamphlet to the printers was due to the printers by July 14th and any changes that may occur have to be approved before that date. Mr. Prickett stated the final approval was needed by July 10th according to the Administrative Procedure Act. If the Governor would veto the Bill, then those affected parishes would have the same either sex dates as the general hunting season in the area. Commissioner Gisclair asked if the Department still had a Wildlife Division? Then he asked why was "concurrence of the Wildlife Division" taken out of a paragraph in the pamphlet? Mr. Prickett stated hopefully the Secretary would seek the Wildlife Division's advice before he would alter or amend seasons for sound biological reasons. Then Commissioner Gisclair asked if the Secretary would get the information from the Wildlife Division to prove there is a biological problem? Secretary Jenkins stated he would have to depend on the different divisions to make those decisions and whatever the Commission wanted to do was okay with him.

Commissioner Carver stated he had talked to Mr. Prickett and Mr. Bateman about requests to increase seasons in Kisatchie Forest. Then he stated he was not sure if the Federal Government was in favor of dog hunting in the Kisatchie now. Mr. Prickett stated the Wildlife Division meets each year with the Kisatchie staff and generally accepts recommendations from them unless there is an overwhelming reason not to. Commissioner Carver asked if the Kisatchie Forest makes the recommendations and suggestions to the Department? Mr. Prickett stated yes. Mr. Dick Smith stated Kisatchie is 40,000 acres and those people that hunt the area are the working people and those that can not afford a lease. He then reminded the Commission it took 9 years for the Department to recommend opening Area 2 to hunt squirrels and rabbits.

Chairman Babin recognized Representative William Daniels from Baton Rouge and thanked him for attending the meeting.

Mr. Bob Price stated he attended the April Commission Meeting and asked that a part of Area 2 be moved into Area 3. The reason was not to do away with the dog hunting, but was because of an early rut. Moving the season two weeks earlier would allow the hunters to take advantage of the rut. A letter from T. L. James, which owns 66,000 of the 80,000 acres involved, stated that with the 1997-98 deer season, hunting with dogs would be prohibited.

Mr. Randy Lanctot, Louisiana Wildlife Federation, stated the paragraph questioned by Commissioner Gisclair earlier in the meeting should be stricken because the Commission does an adequate job in setting the seasons. He stated that at the March meeting, there was no explanation as to why this was being done. The Federation was concerned about the proper division of authority between the Commission and Department. Mr. Lanctot felt it was a big mistake to agree to the paragraph and asked the Commission to maintain its authority. Then on an ad hoc basis, convey to the Secretary authority to take steps on an emergency basis. Again, Mr. Lanctot asked that the paragraph be deleted from the regulations pamphlet. Commissioner Cormier asked Mr. Don Puckett to interpret what Mr. Lanctot stated. Mr. Puckett stated the authority was broader than what the statute contained. The statutory authority was limited to emergency conditions. Commissioner Cormier asked if the wording was not similar to the wording in a Notice of Intent when the Secretary has the authority to do rulemaking process? Mr. Puckett stated the pamphlet wording is not the same. Commissioner Gisclair asked if the proposed paragraph was a change for this year's pamphlet or was it in last's year pamphlet? Mr. Prickett stated the paragraph was not in last year's pamphlet and was one of the changes made in the process this year. Then Commissioner Gisclair asked where did the change come from since Secretary Jenkins stated he was not involved in it and what was the rationale for putting it in the pamphlet? Mr. Prickett stated the change came from Assistant Secretary Johnnie Tarver. Mr. Tarver stated there was nothing sinister in giving additional authority to the Secretary. He then explained how special meetings of the Commission were called to extend the trapping season and language added which gave the Secretary authority to make adjustments to that season. Commissioner Cormier asked if the paragraph would be negating the Commissioners of their duties or responsibilities? Mr. Tarver stated that was one way to look at it. Secretary Jenkins stated he does not have a problem with leaving as it is. Chairman Babin then asked if there was a motion from the Commission to delete the paragraph or leave it in the pamphlet. Commissioner Cormier made a motion to delete the paragraph and it was seconded by Commissioner Gisclair. The motion passed with opposition from Commissioner McCall. Chairman Babin reminded everyone that the deletion does not mean the Secretary could not receive authority from the Commission.

Mr. Puckett stated on page 2 of the proposed rule, there was a Disclaimer paragraph that would be contained in the pamphlet, but

should not be contained in the final rule approved by the Commission. Chairman Babin asked why was the Disclaimer included in the pamphlet? Mr. Puckett stated it is included in the pamphlet that is distributed to the public in case of printing errors. Chairman Babin asked what happens if there is a printing error? Mr. Puckett stated the Disclaimer would be put back into the pamphlet when it goes to the printers. Mr. Puckett then stated an oral motion to remove the paragraph would be sufficient. Commissioner Carver made a motion to amend the rule and remove the Disclaimer. Commissioner McCall seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

Mr. Sam Latino, along with Mr. Tommy Prejean, Mr. Bruce Becnel and Mr. Buddy Blanchard, asked the Commission to let the spike bucks walk in Area 6. This program was adopted by the St. James Hunting Club for two years and they have seen some good results. He again stated they would like to see a law promulgated that would not allow the shooting of spike bucks. Mr. Latino asked how is the state looking at this subject? Mr. Prickett stated there are many ways to manage deer herds. There was a number of people that sent letters recommending going to a system of killing only those deer better than 4-points, not allowing the taking of spikes or going to an 8-point or better statewide. The Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) was implemented several years ago to anyone that managed land and to which the Department offered good harvest programs so they can manage their deer herds. Mr. Prickett added that the Department's staff always provides recommendations that would provide recreation, meets the needs of the deer herds and lets the individual landowners and hunters decide what deer should be harvested. Mr. Latino stated the problem was not 100% of the hunting clubs were following the spike rule that they proposed among themselves. This could create problems with the deer hunting pressure and could wipe out the deer herd, stated Mr. Latino. Commissioner Carver asked Mr. Prickett to present a report on the DMAP program and its success. He then stated open deer hunting he knew as a child no longer exists except on wildlife management areas. He felt the DMAP program and hunting club members would have to establish their own regulations and if the members could not be controlled, certainly the Department could not control them. Mr. Latino stated he does not understand why anyone would want to shoot a spike buck. He then stated his club was not looking for trophy herds, they just wanted a guarantee there would be deer the following year and for the future generation. Mr. Prickett stated the DMAP program is a success story and a presentation could be given at the next meeting or a future meeting.

An unidentified speaker stated the DMAP program is a good one that is offered by the State. He then stated what Mr. Latino was asking for was assistance from the Enforcement Division and the State to retain the herd. Again, he stated assistance was needed because of the wide variety of land and how it all connects and to protect the game for the future.

Mr. Prickett read the Resolution at the request of Chairman Babin. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Cormier. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Rule is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 8, 1997

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, July 8, 1997.

- WHEREAS,** it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and
- WHEREAS,** authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and
- WHEREAS,** this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and
- WHEREAS,** the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Daniel J. Babin, Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the March 1997 Louisiana Register, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries

Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July hereby ratifies these regulations on open hunting season dates, bag limits, methods of taking, and rules and regulation on Department operated wildlife management areas for the period September 1, 1997 through August 31, 1998. Authority to establish regulation is vested in the Commission by §115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 1997-98 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23: (July 1997).

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 1997-98

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	Nov. 27-Feb. 28	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 4-Feb. 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 4-Feb. 8	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless (When Legal)	6

C. Deer Hunting Season Recommendations

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex)	Still Hunt	With or Without Dogs
1	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 15-Nov. 21 Jan. 26-Feb. 1	Nov.22-Dec. 5 Jan.10-Jan.25	Dec. 6-Dec.14 Dec. 20-Jan.9
2	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 18-Oct. 24 Jan. 5-Jan. 11	Oct. 25-Dec.5	Dec. 6-Jan. 4
3	Sept.20- Jan.20	Oct. 4-Oct. 10 Dec. 13-Dec. 19	Oct. 11-Dec.7 Dec. 20-Jan.4	
4	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 15-Nov. 21 Jan. 5-Jan. 11	Nov. 22-Jan.4	
5	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 15-Nov. 21 Jan. 5-Jan. 11 (Bucks Only)	Nov.22-Nov.30	
6	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 15-Nov. 21 Jan. 26-Feb. 1	Nov. 22-Dec.5	Dec. 6-Dec.14 Dec.20-Jan.25
7	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 4-Oct 10 Jan. 19-Jan. 25	Oct.11-Oct.26 Nov. 22-Dec.7	Dec.13-Jan.18

D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Area	Basic Season Dates	Total Days	Exceptions (Those portions of the following parishes)
1	Nov.22-23, 28-30 Dec.6-7, 13-14	9	Nov.22-23, 28-30 (Franklin, Catahoula, LaSalle, Caldwell) Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7 (Avoyelles, Grant, Rapides)
2	Oct.25-26, Nov.1-2, 8-9, 28-30, Dec.6-7	11	Oct.25-26, Nov.28-30 (Caldwell, LaSalle) Oct.25-26, Nov.28-30, Dec.6-7 (Avoyelles)
3	Oct.11-12, 25-26, Nov.1-2, 8-9, 28-30	11	Oct.11-12, Nov.28-30, Dec.6-7 (St. Landry)
4	Nov.22-23, 28-30	5	Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7, 13-14 (East Carroll)
5	None		
6	Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7, 13-14	9	Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7 (Avoyelles, Rapides, St. Landry)
7	Oct.11-12, Nov.22- 23, 28-30, Dec.13- 14	9	

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Daniel J. Babin
Chairman

Mr. Hugh Bateman presented the **Notice of Intent for the 1998 Spring Turkey Hunting Season Dates**. This action was to promote rulemaking and allow public comments for the next three months on the 1998 turkey season. The changes from last year's season were very minor. They included calendar adjustments with a few notable exceptions. One was the passage of a bill which includes the turkey stamp and Louisiana duck stamp in the Lifetime Licenses. Another change was opening the Sabine WMA to a turkey season for a lottery hunt. Flooding that occurred during the 1997 season caused the turkey season to close just before opening. A lottery hunt on the Dewey Wills WMA was affected by the flooding, so the staff decided to offer the lottery winners the opportunity to hunt in 1998. The District Supervisor stated approximately 80 of 102 people drawn would participate next year and the remaining slots would be filled by another lottery drawing. Mr. Bateman then showed a map and stated Area A season dates would be March 21 through April 26; Area C dates would be March 21 through March 29; and season dates for Area B would be April 11 through April 26. Chairman Babin asked if there were any questions or public comments and none were heard. Mr. Bateman then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner McCall made a motion accepting the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Carver. The motion passed with no opposition. Mr. Bateman stated he would keep the Commission posted of any public comments they may receive.

(The full text of the Resolution and Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 8, 1997

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, July 8, 1997.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting season for turkeys, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of wild turkeys and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of wild turkeys are hereby adopted as a Notice of Intent by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Daniel J. Babin, Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its July meeting does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of wild turkeys.

1998 TURKEY HUNTING SEASON SCHEDULE

Shooting Hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Daily limit is one gobbler, three gobblers per season. Still hunting only. Use of dogs, baiting, electronic calling devices and live decoys is illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and bow and arrow but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited.

No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. Baiting means placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys.

A baited area is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed.

Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closure.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries strongly discourages "feeding" agricultural grains to wild turkeys as this practice increases the risk of birds contracting potentially lethal diseases. Repeatedly placing grain in the same area may expose otherwise healthy birds to disease contaminated soils, grain containing lethal toxins and other diseased turkeys using the same feeding site. Properly distributed food plots (clovers, wheat, millet and chufa) are far more desirable for turkeys and have the added benefit of appealing to a wide variety of wildlife.

It is unlawful to take from the wild or possess in captivity any live wild turkeys or their eggs. No pen raised turkeys from within or without the state shall be liberated (released) within the state.

All licensed turkey hunters are required to have a Turkey Stamp in their possession while turkey hunting in addition to basic and big game licenses.

1998 TURKEY HUNTING SEASON

Open Only in the Following Areas

Area A

March 21-April 26

All of the Following Parishes Are Open:

East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Grant, Livingston, Natchitoches, Rapides, Sabine, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Vernon, Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island).

Portions of the Following Parishes Are Also Open:

Allen: North of La. 26 from DeRidder to the junction of La. 104 and north of La. 104.

Avoyelles: That portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River northward from Simmesport, on the north by Red River to the Brouillette Community, on the west by La. 452 from

Brouillette to La. 1 eastward to Simmesport, EXCEPT that portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east and south by La. 451, on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its junction at the Bayou des Glaize structure east of Bordelonville southward to its junction with La. 451.

Beauregard: North of La. 26 east of DeRidder, west of Hwy. 171 from the junction of Hwy. 26 south to Calcasieu Parish.

Calcasieu: West of U.S. 171 north of I-10 and north of I-10 from the jct. of U.S. 171 to Texas state line.

Caldwell: West of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula Parish line, east and north of La. 126 and south and west of La. 127.

Catahoula: West of Ouachita River southward to La. 559 at Duty Ferry, north of La. 559 to La. 124, south and west of La. 124 from Duty Ferry to La. 8 at Harrisonburg and north of La. 8 to La. 126, north and east of La. 126. ALSO that portion of Catahoula listed below.

Catahoula, Concordia, Franklin, Madison, Richland and Tensas: East of U.S. 65 from the East Carroll Parish line to U.S. 80, south of U.S. 80 westward to La. 17, east of La. 17 and La. 15 from Delhi to Winnsboro to Clayton; west of U.S. 65 from Clayton to junction of La. 128, north of La. 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of La. 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry. Also all lands in Tensas and Madison parishes lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River.

Evangeline: North and west of La. 115, north of La. 106 from St. Landry to La. 13, west of La. 13 from Pine Prairie to Mamou and north of La. 104 west of Mamou.

Iberville: West of La. Hwy. 1. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

LaSalle: All lands lying west of La. 127 from the Caldwell Parish line to the junction of La. 124; south of La. 124 to the junction of La. 124 and 126; west of La. 126 to the junction with La. 503; north of La. 503 to Summerville; west of La. 127 from Summerville to Little River. Also that portion of land east of La. 126 from the Caldwell Parish line to the Catahoula Parish line.

Pointe Coupee: All except that portion bounded on the west by La. 77 and La. 10, northward from U.S. 190 to La. 1 at Morganza, on the north and east by La. 1 to its jct. with La. 78 and by La. 78 from Parlang to U.S. 190. Further EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

St. Landry: That portion bounded on the north by U.S. 190, west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee. ALSO that portion of the parish bounded on the north by La. 10 from the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee to Burton's Lake, on the east by Burton's Lake, on the south by Petite Prairie Bayou to its junction with the old O.G. Railroad right-of-way then by the O.G.R.R. right-of-way westward to U.S. 71 and on the west by the West Atchafalaya Guide Levee to its junction with La. 10, EXCEPT the Indian Bayou tract owned by the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

Upper St. Martin: All within the Atchafalaya Basin. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

Winn: Only that portion within the boundaries of the National Catahoula Wildlife Management Preserve.

Area B

April 11-April 26

All of the Following Parishes Are Open:

Bienville, Bossier, Claiborne, Lincoln, Red River, Webster

Portions of the Following Parishes Are Open:

Caddo: That portion north of La. 2 from the Texas state line to U.S. 71, east of U.S. 71 from La. 2 to I-20, south of I-20 from U.S. 71 to U.S. 171, and east of U.S. 171 to the DeSoto Parish line.

DeSoto: That portion east of U.S. 171 from the Caddo Parish line to U.S. 84 and south of U.S. 84.

Jackson: West of Parish Road 243 from Lincoln Parish line to Parish Road 238, west and south of Parish Road 238 to La. 144, west of La. 144 to La. 34, west of La. 34 to Chatham, north of La. 146 from Chatham to La. 155, north of La. 155 to La. 542, north of La. 542 to Quitman, north of La. 155 to Bienville Parish line.

Ouachita: East of La. 143 from Union Parish line to Bayou Darbonne to the Ouachita River.

Morehouse: West of U.S. 165 from the Arkansas line to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, north of U.S. 165 from Bastrop to Ouachita Parish line.

Union: West of La. 15 from Ouachita Parish line to La. 33 west of Farmerville, north of La. 33 to La. 2 at Farmerville, north and east of La. 2 to La. 143 at Crossroads, east of La. 143 to the Ouachita Parish line.

Area C
March 21-March 29

Portions of the Following Parishes Are Open:

Ascension: All east of the Mississippi River.

Avoyelles: That portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east and south by La. 451, on the west by the Big Bend levee from its junction at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville southward to its junction with La. 451.

Concordia: North and east of Sugar Mill Chute (Concordia Parish) from the state line westward to Red River, east of Red River northward to Cocodrie Bayou, east of Cocodrie Bayou northward to U.S. Hwy. 84, south of U.S. Hwy. 84 eastward to La. Hwy. 15 (Ferriday), east of La. Hwy. 15 northward to U.S. Hwy. 65 (Clayton), east of U.S. Hwy. 65 northward to Tensas Parish line.

Iberville: All east of the Mississippi River.

Tensas: East and south of U.S. Hwy. 65 from Concordia Parish line to Hwy. 128, south of Hwy. 128 to St. Joseph, east and south of La. Hwy. 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry.

1998 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA TURKEY HUNTING REGULATIONS

GENERAL

The following rules and regulations concerning management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject the individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed are open to turkey hunting.

All trails and roads designated as ATV Only shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through June 1. ATV off-road or trail travel is prohibited. Walk-in hunting only (bicycles permitted), unless opened by sign on trail.

Bag limits on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. The bag limit for turkeys on Wildlife Management Areas is one per area, not to exceed two per season for all WMAs. The bag limit for turkeys is one gobbler per day and three gobblers per season including those taken on WMAs.

PERMITS

Self-Clearing Permits: All turkey hunts, including lottery hunts, are self-clearing and all hunters must check in daily by picking up a permit from a self-clearing station. Upon completion of each daily hunt, the hunter must check out by completing the hunter report portion of the permit and depositing it in the check-out box at a self-clearing station before exiting the WMA.

Lottery Hunts: Dewey Wills, Georgia-Pacific, Loggy Bayou, Sabine, Sherburne, Sicily Island and Tunica Hills WMAs are restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application Lottery. Deadline for receiving applications is January 31, 1998. Application fee of \$5 must be sent with each application. Applicants may submit only one application and will be selected for one WMA Turkey Lottery Hunt annually. Submitting more than one application will result in disqualification. Contact any district office for applications. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements.

Requests for information on WMA regulations, permits, lottery hunt applications and maps may be directed to any district office: [District 1 — P.O. Box 915, Minden, 71055; 318/371-3050]; [District 2 — 368 Century Park Drive, Monroe, 71203; 318/343-4044]; [District 3 — 1995 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, 71360; 318/487-5885]; [District 4 — P.O. Box 426, Ferriday, 71334; 318/757-4571]; [District 5 — 1213 N. Lakeshore Dr., Lake Charles, 70601; 318/491-2575]; [District 6 — 105 Ave. of the Acadians, Opelousas, 70571; 318/948-0255]; [District 7 — P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, 70898; 504/765-2360].

Wildlife Management Turkey Hunting Schedule*

WMA	Season Dates	Permit Requirements (Mandatory)	Lottery Dates**
Bens Creek†	March 21-April 12	Self-Clearing	None
Boeuf	March 21-March 29	Self-Clearing	None
Big Lake	March 21-March 29	Self-Clearing	None
Bodcau	April 11-April 26	Self-Clearing	None
Boise Vernon	March 21-April 12	Self-Clearing	None
Camp Beauregard	March 21-April 5	Self-Clearing	None
Dewey Wills	March 21-March 29	Self-Clearing	March 21-22 March 23-25
Fort Polk	March 21-April 26	Self-Clearing	None

Georgia-Pacific	April 11-April 19	Self-Clearing	April 11-12 April 13-15
Grassy Lake	March 21-March 29	Self-Clearing	None
Jackson-Bienville	April 11-April 26	Self-Clearing	None
Little River	March 21-April 5	Self-Clearing	None
Loggy Bayou	April 18-April 19 April 25-April 26	Self-Clearing	April 18-19 April 25-26
Pearl River	March 21-April 5	Self-Clearing	None
Peason Ridge	March 21-April 26	Self-Clearing	None
Pomme de Terre	March 21-March 29	Self-Clearing	None
Red River	March 21-March 29	Self-Clearing	None
Sabine	March 21-March 22 March 28-March 29	Self-Clearing	March 21-22 March 28-29
Sandy Hollow†	March 21-April 12	Self-Clearing	None
Sherburne	March 21-March 29	Self-Clearing	March 21-22 March 23-25
Sicily Island	March 21-March 22 March 28-March 29 April 4-April 5	Self-Clearing	March 21-22 March 28-29 April 4-5
Three Rivers	March 21-March 29	Self-Clearing	None
Tunica Hills	March 21-March 22 March 28-March 29 April 4-April 5	Self-Clearing	March 21-22 March 28-29 April 4-5

*Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed have a turkey hunting season. All other areas are CLOSED. For seasons on smaller lands managed by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, contact the local district office.

** The deadline for receiving applications for all turkey Lottery Hunts on WMAs is January 31, 1998.

†No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR 23: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondences to other agencies of government.

Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until September 26, 1997 to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

Daniel J. Babin
Chairman

Chairman Babin asked Mr. Mike Olinde to **Announce Tentative 1997-98 Migratory Bird (Teal, Dove, Woodcock, Snipe, Rail & Gallinules) Hunting Season Dates.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provides the framework for establishing these early migratory bird season dates the last week of June each year. There was only one change in the woodcock framework for this year. However, the Department provides the Commission two options for the dove season, which are a 70 day season with 12 birds/day or a 60 day season with 15 birds/day. The 70 day option season dates would be from September 6 through September 14, October 18 through November 17 and December 20 through January 18. The 60 day season dates would be September 6 through September 14, October 18 through November 7 and December 20 through January 18. Mr. Olinde stated the Commission needed to decide which option they wanted. Shooting hours for dove season would be noon to sunset on the opening weekend of each split and one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Chairman Babin stated normally the Commission would flip-flop between the 60 day and 70 day seasons. Then he asked if there were any public comments on these two options.

Mr. Carl Gremillion stated it was 70 day, 12 birds turn as promised last year.

Mr. Randy Lanctot stated he would second what Mr. Gremillion requested and go with the 70 day, 12 bird season.

An unidentified speaker stated he remembered the middle split for dove season always stayed open until the end of Thanksgiving week and over the years, the numbers of days in November have been cut and added to January. Bird numbers in the Lafayette area are pretty good at the beginning of the third split, but by the end of that split, the birds are scarce. He recommended decreasing some of the days in January and give more days in November since these were the prime hunting days for doves.

Chairman Babin asked for any further questions or comments. Hearing none, he then asked for a motion from the Commission to decide on a 70 day or 60 day season for doves. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion on the 70 day option with a bag limit of 12 birds. Commissioner Cormier seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

Mr. Olinde stated the State was zoned at one time and Lafayette area was in the southern portion and had later season dates, but was changed because no one was happy with the zone line. Chairman Babin asked if there was an option for the shooting hours? Mr. Olinde stated shooting hours for dove would be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset except noon to sunset on the opening weekends of each split.

Then Mr. Olinde read the season dates for the other early migratory birds. Teal season would be September 20 through September 28, daily bag of four, possession limit of eight, blue-winged, green-winged and cinnamon teal only. Rails season dates would be September 20 through September 28 and November 8 through January 7, daily bag for king and clapper rails is 15 in aggregate, possession of 30; daily and possession limits for Virginia and Sora are 25 in aggregate. Gallinule season dates would be September 20 through September 28 and November 8 through January 7, daily bag of 15, possession limit of 30. Snipe season dates are from November 8 through February 22, daily bag of 8, possession of 16. Woodcock populations have declined and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has reduced the number of days for hunting from 65 days to 45 days and reduced the bag limit from 5 to 3. So, for a 45 day woodcock season, the dates would be December 18 through January 31, daily bag of 3, possession limit of 6. Chairman Babin asked what would happen if the Commission adopts the dates and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would go back to 65 days? Mr. Olinde stated the Resolution before them contained a paragraph that would give the Secretary the authority to alter if significant changes occurred as a result of changes in the framework. Mr. Don Puckett stated the language in the Resolution, if approved by the Commission, would give the Secretary the authority to change the dates or the Commission would have to call a Special Meeting. Chairman Babin asked Mr. Olinde when would the Department know if the framework would change? Mr. Olinde stated the Service's final rule should be out by the end of July. Chairman Babin then asked for a motion to adopt the recommended season dates for teal, rail, gallinules, snipe, woodcock. A motion was made by Commissioner McCall and it was seconded by Commissioner Cormier. Chairman Babin asked if an alternate motion was needed if the Commission wanted to give the Secretary the authority to change the dates? Mr. Puckett answered no because the language was contained in the Resolution. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
JULY 8, 1997

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, LA July 8, 1997.

WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, D. C. have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, snipe, rail, gallinule, woodcock and teal, and

WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing early migratory bird season frameworks have been developed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for migratory species that include season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for these migratory species within constraints established by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Commission does hereby adopt the tentative season dates for migratory birds which are attached and made part of this resolution, subject to the following stipulations:

(1) The Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to take any and all steps necessary on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these seasons as a Declaration of Emergency and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government; and

(2) If significant changes occur as a result of changes in the framework established by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service or for other reasons, the Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to alter the attached seasons based upon the recommendations of Department staff, supported by biological and technical data.

Daniel J. Babin, Chairman

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary

A Declaration of Emergency to Set 1997 Alligator Season was presented by Mr. Phil Bowman. He stated it was time to set the season for the harvest of wild alligators by Declaration of Emergency. The staff's recommendation for the season would be September 6, 1997 through October 5, 1997. One letter was received suggesting setting the season dates one week earlier, but based on biological information, the staff suggested staying with the September 6 through October 5 dates. Final stages of the alligator nest statewide surveys are in the process of being completed and generally there is an increase in nesting activity throughout the State. Chairman Babin asked if there was any public comment? Commissioner McCall asked what did the records show as far as an increase or decrease in the numbers of alligators for this year? Mr. Bowman stated from a statewide perspective on the nesting survey, there has been an increase in nesting activity. Then Commissioner McCall stated he has been asked about as well as seen a number of alligators killed by 18 wheelers, other trucks and cars from the Gibstown Bridge to Creole and from Creole to the Little Chenier area. Then he asked Mr. Bowman if any information had been compiled on the numbers killed. Mr. Bowman stated he knew there were some alligators killed on the highways, but did not have the numbers with him. Commissioner McCall then asked if more tags should be issued along this area so they could be harvested but still have enough alligators for tourist to see. Mr. Bowman stated they would look into the proposed increase in tags. Hearing no further discussion, Commissioner Gisclair made a motion to adopt the Declaration of Emergency. Commissioner Hanchey seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Chairman Babin stated there are a lot of alligators in the State and there may be a problem in the future. He then asked Mr. Bowman to keep the Commission aware of the situation. Mr. Bowman stated there may be a problem with alligators being fed by tourists on tour boats and the staff was looking at possible solutions.

(The full text of the Declaration of
Emergency is made a part of the
record.)

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provision of R.S. 49:953(B) and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967(D) which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission use emergency procedures to set the wild alligator season, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular meeting held July 8, 1997 in Baton

Rouge, Louisiana does hereby set the 1997 wild alligator season dates as follows:

The annual wild alligator season dates shall be September 6, 1997 through October 5, 1997.

This emergency adoption is necessary to allow department biologists adequate time to gather the biological data required to recommend season dates and harvest quotas based on up to date information.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall have the authority to close, delay, reopen or extend this season as biologically justifiable.

Daniel J. Babin
Chairman

The Rule Ratification for Spanish Lake State Game & Fish Preserve was presented by Mr. Bennie Fontenot. The rule would establish visitor regulations for Spanish Lake in Iberia Parish. Mr. Fontenot recognized Ms. Greta Green, Chairperson for the Commission and stated she was available to answer questions if need be. It was felt the regulations are a good way to manage the area. Mr. Fontenot then asked the Commission to approve the rule to put the regulations into effect. Commissioner Cormier made a motion to ratify the Rule and it was seconded by Commissioner McCall. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Rule is made a part of the record.)

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts a rule establishing visitor regulations for Spanish Lake State Game and Fishing Preserve.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part III. State Game and Fish Preserves and Sanctuaries

Chapter 3. Particular Game and Fish Preserves and Commissions

§329. Spanish Lake State Game and Fishing Preserve

General

1. The preserve will open one-half hour before official sunrise and close one-half hour after official sunset. It will be closed to all nighttime activities.

2. Existing gates will remain in place. Parking is restricted to designated parking areas.

3. The levee road will have one-way traffic with the entrance at the boat ramp and the exit on Bernard Drive.

4. ATV's (three wheelers and four wheelers) and motorbikes are prohibited on the levee.

5. Discharge of any firearms on the levees is prohibited.

6. Overnight camping is prohibited, except by special permit issued by Spanish Lake Game and Fishing Preserve Commission for supervised groups only.

7. The possession or use of commercial nets, including hoop nets, trammel nets, gill nets and fish seines, is prohibited, except by special permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

8. No trapping of furbearing animals, except by special permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6, 721, et seq. and 801 and R.S. 36:610.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR

Daniel J. Babin
Chairman

The Monthly Law Enforcement Report for June was given by Captain Keith LaCaze. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of June.

Region I - Minden - 91 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 95 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 180 citations.

Region IV - Ferriday - 90 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 203 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 258 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 260 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 331 citations.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 358 citations.

Seafood Investigative Unit - 40 citations.

SWEP - 24 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 48 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 73 citations.

The aviation report for June 1997 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 84.5 hours for enforcement and 10.3 hours for other divisions.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of June was 1,707. It was also reported there were two boating fatalities in the Region VII area over the Fourth of July weekend. A new enforcement agent cadet class was in session at the present time. Chairman Babin asked when would the cadets complete their training? Captain LaCaze stated they should be finished around the first of October. Commissioner McCall asked what was "Theft Against State No Wake Zone" on page 10 of the report? Captain LaCaze felt it was a typographical error.

Commissioner Gisclair posed the following question to Lt. Col. Charlie Clark - When a person is culling crabs from boxes he has bought from a fisherman, can he have up to a certain amount of undersized crabs or does he have to throw away as he is culling the crabs? Does the Department allow a time frame before the crabs have to be dumped? Lt. Col. Clark stated to ship crabs, they have to be labeled in the fisherman's boxes and there is a 10 percent tolerance on the amount of undersized crabs allowed. He also felt the agents would be reasonable in their decisions on culling crabs.

Chairman Babin then asked for **Division Reports**. Secretary Jenkins suggested the Commission should be involved in the money spent to promote nutria.

Then Secretary Jenkins stated the Legislative Session was over and during the session the Department was reauthorized for another two years. One of the bills from the Legislative Session that did not pass was taking the Oyster Division from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and putting it with the Department of Agriculture.

A meeting was held between the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Department of Agriculture on deer farming. Legislation was passed two years ago on this issue which states

that if the deer are bred, raised and/or kept, they could be fenced and farmed. Agriculture's interpretation was, once the land was fenced, all of the deer in that area belonged to the landowner and hunters could be charged to hunt in that area. Senator Cain, author of the legislation, was contacted and he stated that was not the intent of the legislation. Commissioner Odom has proposed that an attempt be made to move the wild deer from the property before it was fenced in. Another proposal was to pay the Department \$500 for each deer killed over the next three years, but Secretary Jenkins stated the Department was not going to do that.

Another piece of legislation was to move the Enforcement Division over to State Police. This bill also did not pass. Mr. Clyde Kimball spent a lot of time over at the Capitol during the Session and was helpful in tracking the legislation. A full report of legislation passed will be provided to the Commission as soon as possible.

Mr. Chester Carpenter, Hunter Education Coordinator with the Information & Education Division gave a report on hunter safety activities for the year. From July 1996 through June 1997, 502 hunter safety student courses were held statewide. Of these 502, 135 were presented in the public school systems and 367 were public courses. There were 14 volunteer instructor courses, 74 public bow hunter courses, 2 public muzzleloader courses, 1 instructor muzzleloader course and 1 statewide advanced hunter education course were also taught. Just over 20,000 students were trained in the basic hunter education course and 1,500 were trained in the basic bow hunter course. Mr. Carpenter commended the volunteer instructors for their hard work and effort they put into the courses.

The Youth Hunter Education Challenge Results were next discussed by Mr. Carpenter. The competition was held at Camp Beauregard with 80 regional participants. Caddo-Bossier Senior Team was the perennial winner as well as first place winner in the Senior Division. Second place winner in the Senior Division was Jeanerette and Greater New Orleans took third place. In the Junior Division, Caddo-Bossier Team 1 and Team 2 took first and second places respectively and Terrebonne Junior Deputy Program took third place. The 15 members from both the senior and junior divisions will participate in the National Competition in New Mexico beginning at the end of July. Louisiana has won the National Competition two of the last three years. Mr. Carpenter then provided some information to the Commissioners.

Next Ms. Janice Collins gave a presentation on a new initiative for the Information & Education Division, a Radio Talk Show. Beginning on September 4, 1997 at 8:00 p.m. on WJBO, the Department will host a weekly one hour live program providing different guests each week. Also, there will be saltwater and freshwater fishing updates, hunting season updates and any new

regulations or laws that the listeners would need to know. Ms. Collins then stated WJBO is a news-talk-sports station that reaches as far west as Lafayette, up to the Felicianas, over to Covington and down to parts of New Orleans. One specific topic of the Department will be highlighted each week. Chairman Babin asked if this was a FM or AM station? Ms. Collins stated it can be found at 1150 AM. Then she stated if the program proves to be successful, it could go statewide in the spring of 1998.

Ms. Marianne Marsh presented the **National Hunting & Fishing Day Proclamation**. Ms. Marsh stated there was an error in the ninth paragraph, the dockside value figure was listed at \$36 million, but should have been \$315.8 million. She then requested the Commission officially declare September 27, 1997 as National Hunting and Fishing Day in Louisiana. This will be the 13th year the Department participates with four sites around the state hosting activities. Baton Rouge usually has the largest attendance, but the other sites are rapidly growing each year. The event is very popular and well received and Ms. Marsh hoped it would continue to grow. Ms. Marsh read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Proclamation. Commissioner Gisclair made a motion to accept the Proclamation. It was seconded by Commissioner McCall and approved with no opposition.

(The full text of the Proclamation
is made a part of the record.)

LOUISIANA'S NATIONAL HUNTING & FISHING DAY

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Louisianians are blessed with an abundance and diversity of game, fish, and seafood that hunters, fishermen, and commercial industries have long appreciated and recognized the need to conserve; and
- WHEREAS,** revenues raised by sportsmen and commercial industries have successfully restored some species that faced extinction or were threatened or endangered by environmental conditions often imposed by people; and
- WHEREAS,** hunters and anglers have a long history of contributing to conservation efforts statewide and nationwide, contributing more than \$12 billion to conservation programs during the past half century through license fees and self-imposed excise taxes; and
- WHEREAS,** half of the people in the United States 16 years old and older enjoy some type of fish- or wildlife-related activity, adding billions of dollars to local, state, and national economies; and

WHEREAS, a recent survey by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service indicated that 56 percent of all Louisianians participate in some type of fish- or wildlife-related activity; and

WHEREAS, recent figures indicate that the total economic impact of recreational fishing and fishing-related activities in Louisiana is \$1.6 billion and that Louisianians directly spend \$790 million on fishing, generating \$38.5 million in state and federal tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, latest figures indicate that the total economic impact of wildlife-related activities, including hunting and non-consumptive usage, in Louisiana is more than \$1.3 billion and that Louisianians directly spend \$643 million on hunting and other wildlife-associated recreation generating \$41.9 million in state and federal tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana residents have spent an average of \$5.6 million on fishing licenses and \$3.8 million on hunting licenses annually during the last three years; and

WHEREAS, the state's warm Gulf waters and fertile estuarine systems are home to more than 100 commercially valuable seafood species, making Louisiana's commercial marine fisheries one of the most important in the nation with more than 1.1 billion pounds landed annually for a dockside value of approximately \$315.8 million, with more than 150,000 people directly and indirectly employed in harvesting, processing, wholesaling, and distribution of Louisiana seafood; now

THEREFORE the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby proclaims September 27, 1997, as the 13TH ANNUAL LOUISIANA NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY and urges all citizens to join with sportsmen, conservationists, and commercial industries in the continued support of the wise use of our natural resources and their proper management thereof for the benefit of future generations, and further urges all citizens to take in Hunting and Fishing Day activities and learn more about conservation and outdoor skills.

Daniel J. Babin, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife
& Fisheries

After several minutes of discussion, the Commissioners decided to hold the **November 1997 Meeting** on Thursday, November 6, 1997 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Baton Rouge Headquarters Office.

Chairman Babin asked Mr. John Roussel to present a report on the Spring Shrimp Season at the next meeting.

Chairman Babin then asked if there were any **Public Comments**. Mr. Pierce Summers, a senior citizen, stated he has a problem with accessibility to prime hunting on wildlife management areas. He asked the Commission and Department address the issue and show any consideration possible. Mr. Tommy Prickett stated there was another change in the pamphlet for this year that was not mentioned earlier. Handicapped ATV trails have been opened to senior citizens over the age of 70 which hopefully would greatly enhance their access to the WMAs. Mr. Summers stated he appreciated the effort, but it does not solve the problem. He asked them to look again at the designation of the roads and give some access to prime hunting for senior citizens.

There being no further business, Commissioner Carver made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey.


James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, July 8, 1997

Chairman Daniel Babin presiding.

Jerald Hanchey
Norman McCall
Glynn Carver
Perry Gisclair
Joseph Cormier

Secretary James H. Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Commissioner Tom Gattle was absent from the meeting.

Chairman Babin called for a motion for approval of the **June 6, 1997 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Carver and seconded by Commissioner Gisclair. The motion passed with no opposition.

Final Ratification of the 1997-98 Resident Game Hunting Seasons was given by Mr. Tommy Prickett. The ratification would cover hunting seasons and regulations for resident species, wildlife management areas, national wildlife refuges, and other Department properties. A Notice of Intent was presented and approved in March 1997. public comments have been accepted since then and the proposed regulations were amended. Mr. Prickett then suggested taking public comments before a final decision was made.

Mr. Dick Smith, Louisiana Dog Hunters Association, stated they were notified 27 days ago of a request to move a portion of Area 2 into Area 3. He noted Area 2 was the biggest area in the state for people to hunt. Mr. Smith then acknowledged Commissioner Carver as being a representative from Area 2. He explained how certain hunters already have their vacations planned and with this change, the still hunt season will open two weeks before Area 2. Mr. Smith asked that the change not occur for at least one year to allow for more studying. Mr. Prickett stated the process of setting seasons was an involved process and direction was needed from the Commission. He then went over the changes from last year's pamphlet to let everyone know what they are. These included giving the Secretary authority to amend or alter a season for sound biological reasons; extending the squirrel season through February 8; expanding either sex hunting from one day to two days on 12 wildlife management areas; standardizing the small game seasons on the wildlife management areas; allowing hogs to be taken any time a season is open on a wildlife management area; requiring all small game hunters wear hunter orange vest or cap when gun season is

? open; adding one week of muzzleloader season statewide; opening and closing archery season for deer hunting Area 3 by one week; creating a new still hunting area in southwestern Washington Parish; and the proposed move of a small portion of Rapides, Vernon and Natchitoches Parishes into Area 3. Mr. Prickett reminded the Commission that this last request was made by hunters at the April Meeting. One change from this year's Legislative Session was House Bill 1316 which closes the doe hunting season for three years in Franklin, Caldwell, portions of Catahoula and Concordia Parishes with the exception of lands listed in the DMAP program and wildlife management areas. Commissioner Carver asked if there was going to be additional pressure on the wildlife management areas as a result of the House Bill? Mr. Prickett stated there probably would not be a great influx of hunters on the WMAs just to take advantage of the two days of either sex hunting. Mr. Hugh Bateman stated this Bill has not yet been signed by the Governor but the deadline for the submission of the hunting pamphlet to the printers was due to the printers by July 14th and any changes that may occur have to be approved before that date. Mr. Prickett stated the final approval was needed by July 10th according to the Administrative Procedure Act. If the Governor would veto the Bill, then those affected parishes would have the same either sex dates as the general hunting season in the area. Commissioner Gisclair asked if the Department still had a Wildlife Division? Then he asked why was "concurrence of the Wildlife Division" taken out of a paragraph in the pamphlet? Mr. Prickett stated hopefully the Secretary would seek the Wildlife Division's advice before he would alter or amend seasons for sound biological reasons. Then Commissioner Gisclair asked if the Secretary would get the information from the Wildlife Division to prove there is a biological problem? Secretary Jenkins stated he would have to depend on the different divisions to make those decisions and whatever the Commission wanted to do was okay with him.

S- Commissioner Carver stated he had talked to Mr. Prickett and Mr. Bateman about requests to increase seasons in Kisatchie Forest. Then he stated he was not sure if the Federal Government was in favor of dog hunting in the Kisatchie now. Mr. Prickett stated the Wildlife Division meets each year with the Kisatchie staff and generally accept recommendations from them unless there is an overwhelming reason not to. Commissioner Carver asked if the Kisatchie Forest makes the recommendations and suggestions to the Department? Mr. Prickett stated yes. Mr. Dick Smith stated Kisatchie is 40,000 acres and those people that hunt the area are the working people and those that can not afford a lease. He then reminded the Commission it took 9 years for the Department to recommend opening Area 2 to hunt squirrels and rabbits.

Chairman Babin recognized Representative William Daniels from Baton Rouge and thanked him for attending the meeting.

Mr. Bob Price stated he attended the April Commission Meeting and asked that a part of Area 2 be moved into Area 3. The reason was not to do away with the dog hunting, but was because of an early rut. Moving the season two weeks earlier would allow the hunters to take advantage of the rut. A letter from T. L. James, which owns 66,000 of the 80,000 acres involved, stated that with the 1997-98 deer season, hunting with dogs would be prohibited.

Mr. Randy Lanctot, Louisiana Wildlife Federation, stated the paragraph questioned by Commissioner Gisclair earlier in the meeting should be stricken because the Commission does an adequate job in setting the seasons. He stated that at the March Meeting, there was no explanation as to why this was being done. The Federation was concerned about the proper division of authority between the Commission and Department. Mr. Lanctot felt it was a big mistake to agree to the paragraph and asked the Commission to maintain its authority. Then on an ad hoc basis, convey to the Secretary authority to take steps on an emergency basis. Again, Mr. Lanctot asked that the paragraph be deleted from the regulations pamphlet. Commissioner Cormier asked Mr. Don Puckett to interpret what Mr. Lanctot stated. Mr. Puckett stated the authority was broader than what the statute contained. The statutory authority was limited to emergency conditions. Commissioner Cormier asked if the wording was not similar to the wording in a Notice of Intent when the Secretary has the authority to do rulemaking process? Mr. Puckett stated the pamphlet wording is not the same. Commissioner Gisclair asked if the proposed paragraph was a change for this year's pamphlet or was it in last's year pamphlet? Mr. Prickett stated the paragraph was not in last year's pamphlet and was one of the changes made in the process this year. Then Commissioner Gisclair asked where did the change come from since Secretary Jenkins stated he was not involved in it and what was the rationale for putting it in the pamphlet? Mr. Prickett stated the change came from Assistant Secretary Johnnie Tarver. Mr. Tarver stated there was nothing sinister in giving additional authority to the Secretary. He then explained how special meetings of the Commission were called to extend the trapping season and language added which gave the Secretary authority to make adjustments to that season. Commissioner Cormier asked if the paragraph would be negating the Commissioners of their duties or responsibilities? Mr. Tarver stated that was one way to look at it. Secretary Jenkins stated he does not have a problem with leaving as it is. Chairman Babin then asked if there was a motion from the Commission to delete the paragraph or leave it in the pamphlet. Commissioner Cormier made a motion to delete the paragraph and it was seconded by Commissioner Gisclair. The motion passed with opposition from Commissioner McCall. Chairman Babin reminded everyone that the deletion does not mean the Secretary could not receive authority from the Commission.

Mr. Puckett stated on page 2 of the proposed rule, there was a Disclaimer paragraph that would be contained in the pamphlet, but

should not be contained in the final rule approved by the Commission. Chairman Babin asked why was the Disclaimer included in the pamphlet? Mr. Puckett stated it is included in the pamphlet that is distributed to the public in case of printing errors. Chairman Babin asked what happens if there is a printing error? Mr. Puckett stated the Disclaimer would be put back into the pamphlet when it goes to the printers. Mr. Puckett then stated an oral motion to remove the paragraph would be sufficient. Commissioner Carver made a motion to amend the rule and remove the Disclaimer. Commissioner McCall seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

Mr. Sam Latino, along with Mr. Tommy Prejean, Mr. Bruce Becnel and Mr. Buddy Blanchard, asked the Commission to let the spike bucks walk in Area 6. This program was adopted by the St. James Hunting Club for two years and they have seen some good results. He again stated they would like to see a law promulgated that would not allow the shooting of spike bucks. Mr. Latino asked how is the state looking at this subject? Mr. Prickett stated there ~~was~~ ^{are} many ways to manage deer herds. There was a number of people that sent letters recommending going to a system of killing only those deer better than 4-points, not allowing the taking of spikes or going to an 8-point or better statewide. The Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) was implemented several years ago to anyone that managed land and to which the Department offered good harvest program so they can manage their deer herds. Mr. Prickett added that the Department's staff always provides recommendations that would provide recreation, meets the needs of the deer herds and lets the individual landowners and hunters decide what deers should be harvested. Mr. Latino stated the problem was, ^{were} not 100% of the hunting clubs ^{were} following the spike rule that they proposed among themselves. This could create problems ^{with} on the deer hunting pressure and could wipe out the deer herd, stated Mr. Latino. Commissioner Carver asked Mr. Prickett to present a report on the DMAP program and its success. He then stated open deer hunting he knew as a child no longer exists except on wildlife management areas. He felt the DMAP program and hunting club members would have to establish their own regulations and if the members could not be controlled, certainly the Department could not control them. Mr. Latino stated he does not understand why anyone would want to shoot a spike buck. He then stated his club was not looking for trophy herd, they just wanted a guarantee there would be deer the following year and for the future generation. Mr. Prickett stated the DMAP program is a success story and a presentation could be given at the next meeting or a future meeting.

An unidentified speaker stated the DMAP program is a good one that is offered by the State. He then stated what Mr. Latino was asking for was assistance from the Enforcement Division and the State to retain the herd. Again, he stated assistance was needed because of the wide variety of land and how it all connects and to protect the game for the future.

Mr. Prickett read the Resolution at the request of Chairman Babin. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Cormier. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Rule is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 8, 1997

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, July 8, 1997.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Daniel J. Babin, Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the March 1997 Louisiana Register, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries

Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July hereby ratifies these regulations on open hunting season dates, bag limits, methods of taking, and rules and regulation on Department operated wildlife management areas for the period September 1, 1997 through August 31, 1998. Authority to establish regulation is vested in the Commission by §115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 1997-98 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23: (July 1997).

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 1997-98

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	Nov. 27-Feb. 28	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 4-Feb. 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 4-Feb. 8	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless (When Legal)	6

C. Deer Hunting Season Recommendations

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex)	Still Hunt	With or Without Dogs
1	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 15-Nov. 21 Jan. 26-Feb. 1	Nov.22-Dec. 5 Jan.10-Jan.25	Dec. 6-Dec.14 Dec. 20-Jan.9
2	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 18-Oct. 24 Jan. 5-Jan. 11	Oct. 25-Dec.5	Dec. 6-Jan. 4
3	Sept.20- Jan.20	Oct. 4-Oct. 10 Dec. 13-Dec. 19	Oct. 11-Dec.7 Dec. 20-Jan.4	
4	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 15-Nov. 21 Jan. 5-Jan. 11	Nov. 22-Jan.4	
5	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 15-Nov. 21 Jan. 5-Jan. 11 (Bucks Only)	Nov.22-Nov.30	
6	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 15-Nov. 21 Jan. 26-Feb. 1	Nov. 22-Dec.5	Dec. 6-Dec.14 Dec.20-Jan.25
7	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 4-Oct 10 Jan. 19-Jan. 25	Oct.11-Oct.26 Nov. 22-Dec.7	Dec.13-Jan.18

D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Area	Basic Season Dates	Total Days	Exceptions (Those portions of the following parishes)
1	Nov.22-23, 28-30 Dec.6-7, 13-14	9	Nov.22-23, 28-30 (Franklin, Catahoula, LaSalle, Caldwell) Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7 (Avoyelles, Grant, Rapides)
2	Oct.25-26, Nov.1-2, 8-9, 28-30, Dec.6-7	11	Oct.25-26, Nov.28-30 (Caldwell, LaSalle) Oct.25-26, Nov.28-30, Dec.6-7 (Avoyelles)
3	Oct.11-12, 25-26, Nov.1-2, 8-9, 28-30	11	Oct.11-12, Nov.28-30, Dec.6-7 (St. Landry)
4	Nov.22-23, 28-30	5	Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7, 13-14 (East Carroll)
5	None		
6	Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7, 13-14	9	Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7 (Avoyelles, Rapides, St. Landry)
7	Oct.11-12, Nov.22- 23, 28-30, Dec.13- 14	9	

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.
HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23: (July 1997).

Daniel J. Babin
Chairman

Mr. Hugh Bateman presented the **Notice of Intent for the 1998 Spring Turkey Hunting Season Dates**. This action was to promote rulemaking and allow public comments for the next three months on the 1998 turkey season. The changes from last year's season were very minor. They included calendar adjustments with a few notable exceptions. One was the passage of a bill which includes the turkey stamp and Louisiana duck stamp in the Lifetime Licenses. Another change was opening the Sabine WMA to a turkey season for a lottery hunt. Flooding that occurred during the 1997 season caused the turkey season to close just before opening. A lottery hunt on the Dewey Wills WMA was affected by the flooding, so the staff decided to offer the lottery winners the opportunity to hunt in 1998. The District Supervisor stated approximately 80 of 102 people drawn would participate next year and the remaining slots would be filled by another lottery drawing. Mr. Bateman then showed a map and stated Area A season dates would be March 21 through April 26; Area C dates would be March 21 through March 29; and season dates for Area B would be April 11 through April 26. Chairman Babin asked if there were any questions or public comments and none were heard. Mr. Bateman then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner McCall made a motion accepting the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Carver. The motion passed with no opposition. Mr. Bateman stated he would keep the Commission posted of any public comments they may receive.

(The full text of the Resolution and Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 8, 1997

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, July 8, 1997.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting season for turkeys, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of wild turkeys and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of wild turkeys are hereby adopted as a Notice of Intent by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Daniel J. Babin, Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its July meeting does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of wild turkeys.

1998 TURKEY HUNTING SEASON SCHEDULE

Shooting Hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Daily limit is one gobbler, three gobblers per season. Still hunting only. Use of dogs, baiting, electronic calling devices and live decoys is illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and bow and arrow but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited.

No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. Baiting means placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys.

A baited area is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed.

Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closure.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries strongly discourages "feeding" agricultural grains to wild turkeys as this practice increases the risk of birds contracting potentially lethal diseases. Repeatedly placing grain in the same area may expose otherwise healthy birds to disease contaminated soils, grain containing lethal toxins and other diseased turkeys using the same feeding site. Properly distributed food plots (clovers, wheat, millet and chufa) are far more desirable for turkeys and have the added benefit of appealing to a wide variety of wildlife.

It is unlawful to take from the wild or possess in captivity any live wild turkeys or their eggs. No pen raised turkeys from within or without the state shall be liberated (released) within the state.

All licensed turkey hunters are required to have a Turkey Stamp in their possession while turkey hunting in addition to basic and big game licenses.

1998 TURKEY HUNTING SEASON

Open Only in the Following Areas

Area A

March 21-April 26

All of the Following Parishes Are Open:

East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Grant, Livingston, Natchitoches, Rapides, Sabine, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Vernon, Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana (including Racourci Island).

Portions of the Following Parishes Are Also Open:

Allen: North of La. 26 from DeRidder to the junction of La. 104 and north of La. 104.

Avoyelles: That portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River northward from Simmesport, on the north by Red River to the Brouillette Community, on the west by La. 452 from

Brouillette to La. 1 eastward to Simmesport, EXCEPT that portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east and south by La. 451, on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its junction at the Bayou des Glaize structure east of Bordelonville southward to its junction with La. 451.

Beauregard: North of La. 26 east of DeRidder, west of Hwy. 171 from the junction of Hwy. 26 south to Calcasieu Parish.

Calcasieu: West of U.S. 171 north of I-10 and north of I-10 from the jct. of U.S. 171 to Texas state line.

Caldwell: West of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula Parish line, east and north of La. 126 and south and west of La. 127.

Catahoula: West of Ouachita River southward to La. 559 at Duty Ferry, north of La. 559 to La. 124, south and west of La. 124 from Duty Ferry to La. 8 at Harrisonburg and north of La. 8 to La. 126, north and east of La. 126. ALSO that portion of Catahoula listed below.

Catahoula, Concordia, Franklin, Madison, Richland and Tensas: East of U.S. 65 from the East Carroll Parish line to U.S. 80, south of U.S. 80 westward to La. 17, east of La. 17 and La. 15 from Delhi to Winnsboro to Clayton; west of U.S. 65 from Clayton to junction of La. 128, north of La. 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of La. 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry. Also all lands in Tensas and Madison parishes lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River.

Evangeline: North and west of La. 115, north of La. 106 from St. Landry to La. 13, west of La. 13 from Pine Prairie to Mamou and north of La. 104 west of Mamou.

Iberville: West of La. Hwy. 1. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

LaSalle: All lands lying west of La. 127 from the Caldwell Parish line to the junction of La. 124; south of La. 124 to the junction of La. 124 and 126; west of La. 126 to the junction with La. 503; north of La. 503 to Summerville; west of La. 127 from Summerville to Little River. Also that portion of land east of La. 126 from the Caldwell Parish line to the Catahoula Parish line.

Pointe Coupee: All except that portion bounded on the west by La. 77 and La. 10, northward from U.S. 190 to La. 1 at Morganza, on the north and east by La. 1 to its jct. with La. 78 and by La. 78 from Parlang to U.S. 190. Further EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

St. Landry: That portion bounded on the north by U.S. 190, west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee. ALSO that portion of the parish bounded on the north by La. 10 from the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee to Burton's Lake, on the east by Burton's Lake, on the south by Petite Prairie Bayou to its junction with the old O.G. Railroad right-of-way then by the O.G.R.R. right-of-way westward to U.S. 71 and on the west by the West Atchafalaya Guide Levee to its junction with La. 10, EXCEPT the Indian Bayou tract owned by the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

Upper St. Martin: All within the Atchafalaya Basin. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

Winn: Only that portion within the boundaries of the National Catahoula Wildlife Management Preserve.

Area B

April 11-April 26

All of the Following Parishes Are Open:

Bienville, Bossier, Claiborne, Lincoln, Red River, Webster

Portions of the Following Parishes Are Open:

Caddo: That portion north of La. 2 from the Texas state line to U.S. 71, east of U.S. 71 from La. 2 to I-20, south of I-20 from U.S. 71 to U.S. 171, and east of U.S. 171 to the DeSoto Parish line.

DeSoto: That portion east of U.S. 171 from the Caddo Parish line to U.S. 84 and south of U.S. 84.

Jackson: West of Parish Road 243 from Lincoln Parish line to Parish Road 238, west and south of Parish Road 238 to La. 144, west of La. 144 to La. 34, west of La. 34 to Chatham, north of La. 146 from Chatham to La. 155, north of La. 155 to La. 542, north of La. 542 to Quitman, north of La. 155 to Bienville Parish line.

Ouachita: East of La. 143 from Union Parish line to Bayou Darbonne to the Ouachita River.

Morehouse: West of U.S. 165 from the Arkansas line to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, north of U.S. 165 from Bastrop to Ouachita Parish line.

Union: West of La. 15 from Ouachita Parish line to La. 33 west of Farmerville, north of La. 33 to La. 2 at Farmerville, north and east of La. 2 to La. 143 at Crossroads, east of La. 143 to the Ouachita Parish line.

Area C
March 21-March 29

Portions of the Following Parishes Are Open:

Ascension: All east of the Mississippi River.

Avoyelles: That portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east and south by La. 451, on the west by the Big Bend levee from its junction at the Bayou des Glaize structure east of Bordelonville southward to its junction with La. 451.

Concordia: North and east of Sugar Mill Chute (Concordia Parish) from the state line westward to Red River, east of Red River northward to Cocodrie Bayou, east of Cocodrie Bayou northward to U.S. Hwy. 84, south of U.S. Hwy. 84 eastward to La. Hwy. 15 (Ferriday), east of La. Hwy. 15 northward to U.S. Hwy. 65 (Clayton), east of U.S. Hwy. 65 northward to Tensas Parish line.

Iberville: All east of the Mississippi River.

Tensas: East and south of U.S. Hwy. 65 from Concordia Parish line to Hwy. 128, south of Hwy. 128 to St. Joseph, east and south of La. Hwy. 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry.

(Spacing corrected)

1998 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA TURKEY HUNTING REGULATIONS

GENERAL

The following rules and regulations concerning management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject the individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed are open to turkey hunting.

All trails and roads designated as ATV Only shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through June 1. ATV off-road or trail travel is prohibited. Walk-in hunting only (bicycles permitted), unless opened by sign on trail.

*Re-check-
see last page*

Bag limits on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. The bag limit for turkeys on Wildlife Management Areas is one per area, not to exceed two per season for all WMAs. The bag limit for turkeys is one gobbler per day and three gobblers per season including those taken on WMAs.

PERMITS

Self-Clearing Permits: All turkey hunts, including lottery hunts, are self-clearing and all hunters must check in daily by picking up a permit from a self-clearing station. Upon completion of each daily hunt, the hunter must check out by completing the hunter report portion of the permit and depositing it in the check-out box at a self-clearing station before exiting the WMA.

Lottery Hunts: Dewey Wills, Georgia-Pacific, Loggy Bayou, Sabine, Sherburne, Sicily Island and Tunica Hills WMAs are restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application Lottery. Deadline for receiving applications is January 31, 1998. Application fee of \$5 must be sent with each application. Applicants may submit only one application and will be selected for one WMA Turkey Lottery Hunt annually. Submitting more than one application will result in disqualification. Contact any district office for applications. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements.

Requests for information on WMA regulations, permits, lottery hunt applications and maps may be directed to any district office: [District 1 — P.O. Box 915, Minden, 71055; 318/371-3050]; [District 2 — 368 Century Park Drive, Monroe, 71203; 318/343-4044]; [District 3 — 1995 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, 71360; 318/487-5885]; [District 4 — P.O. Box 426, Ferriday, 71334; 318/757-4571];

[District 5 — 1213 N. Lakeshore Dr., Lake Charles, 70601; 318/491-2575]; [District 6 — 105 Ave. of the Acadians, Opelousas, 70571; 318/948-0255]; [District 7 — P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, 70898; 504/765-2360].

Wildlife Management Turkey Hunting Schedule*

WMA	Season Dates	Permit Requirements (Mandatory)	Lottery Dates**
Bens Creek†	March 21-April 12	Self-Clearing	None
Boeuf	March 21-March 29	Self-Clearing	None
Big Lake	March 21-March 29	Self-Clearing	None
Bodcau	April 11-April 26	Self-Clearing	None
Boise Vernon	March 21-April 12	Self-Clearing	None
Camp Beauregard	March 21-April 5	Self-Clearing	None
Dewey Wills	March 21-March 29	Self-Clearing	March 21-22 March 23-25
Fort Polk	March 21-April 26	Self-Clearing	None
Georgia-Pacific	April 11-April 19	Self-Clearing	April 11-12 April 13-15
Grassy Lake	March 21-March 29	Self-Clearing	None
Jackson-Bienville	April 11-April 26	Self-Clearing	None
Little River	March 21-April 5	Self-Clearing	None
Loggy Bayou	April 18-April 19 April 25-April 26	Self-Clearing	April 18-19 April 25-26
Pearl River	March 21-April 5	Self-Clearing	None
Peason Ridge	March 21-April 26	Self-Clearing	None
Pomme de Terre	March 21-March 29	Self-Clearing	None
Red River	March 21-March 29	Self-Clearing	None
Sabine	March 21-March 22 March 28-March 29	Self-Clearing	March 21-22 March 28-29
Sandy Hollow†	March 21-April 12	Self-Clearing	None
Sherburne	March 21-March 29	Self-Clearing	March 21-22 March 23-25

Sicily Island	March 21-March 22 March 28-March 29 April 4-April 5	Self-Clearing	March 21-22 March 28-29 April 4-5
Three Rivers	March 21-March 29	Self-Clearing	None
Tunica Hills	March 21-March 22 March 28-March 29 April 4-April 5	Self-Clearing	March 21-22 March 28-29 April 4-5

*Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed have a turkey hunting season. All other areas are CLOSED. For seasons on smaller lands managed by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, contact the local district office.

** The deadline for receiving applications for all turkey Lottery Hunts on WMAs is January 31, 1998.

† No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR 23: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondences to other agencies of government.

Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until September 26, 1997 to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

Daniel J. Babin
Chairman

Chairman Babin asked Mr. Mike Olinde to **Announce Tentative 1997-98 Migratory Bird (Teal, Dove, Woodcock, Snipe, Rail & Gallinules) Hunting Season Dates.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provides the framework for establishing these early migratory bird season dates the last week of June each year. There was only one change in the woodcock framework for this year. However, the Department provides the Commission two options for the dove season, which are a 70 day season with 12 birds or a 60 day season with 15 birds. The 70 day option season dates would be from September 6 through September 14, October 18 through November 17

and December 20 through January 18. The 60 day season dates would be September 6 through September 14, October 18 through November 7 and December 20 through January 18. Mr. Olinde stated the Commission needed to decide which option they wanted. Shooting hours for dove season would be noon to sunset on the opening weekends of each split and one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Chairman Babin stated normally the Commission would flip-flop between the 60 day and 70 day seasons. Then he asked if there were any public comments on these two options.

Mr. Carl Gremillion stated it was 70 day, 12 birds turn as promised last year.

Mr. Randy Lanctot stated he would second what Mr. Gremillion requested and go with the 70 day, 12 bird season.

An unidentified speaker stated he remembered the middle split for dove season always stayed open until the end of Thanksgiving week and over the years, the numbers of days in November have been cut and added to January. Bird numbers in the Lafayette area are pretty good at the beginning of the third split, but by the end of that split, the birds are scarce. He recommended decreasing some of the days in January and give more days in November since these were the prime hunting days for doves.

Chairman Babin asked for any further questions or comments. Hearing none, he then asked for a motion from the Commission to decide on a 70 day or 60 day season for doves. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion on the 70 day option with a bag limit of 12 birds. Commissioner Cormier seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

Mr. Olinde stated the State was zoned at one time and Lafayette area was in the southern portion and had later season dates, but was changed because no one was happy with the zone line. Chairman Babin asked if there was an option for the shooting hours? Mr. Olinde stated shooting hours for dove would be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset except noon to sunset on the opening weekends of each split.

Then Mr. Olinde read the season dates for the other early migratory birds. Teal season would be September 20 through September 28, daily bag of four, possession limit of eight, blue-winged, green-winged and cinnamon teal only. Rails season dates would be September 20 through September 28 and November 8 through January 7, daily bag for king and clapper rails is 15 in aggregate, possession of 30; daily and possession limits for Virginia and Sora are 25 in aggregate. Gallinule season dates would be September 20 through September 28 and November 8 through January 7, daily bag of 15, possession limit of 30. Snipe season dates are from November 8 through February 22, daily bag of 8, possession of 16. Woodcock populations have declined and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

has reduced the number of days for hunting from 65 days to 45 days and reduced the bag limit from 5 to 3. So, for a 45 day woodcock season, the dates would be December 18 through January 31, daily bag of 3, possession limit of 6. Chairman Babin asked what would happen if the Commission adopts the dates and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would go back to 65 days? Mr. Olinde stated the Resolution before them contained a paragraph that would give the Secretary the authority to alter if significant changes occurred as a result of changes in the framework. Mr. Don Puckett stated the language in the Resolution, if approved by the Commission, would give the Secretary the authority to change the dates or the Commission would have to call a Special Meeting. Chairman Babin asked Mr. Olinde when would the Department know if the framework would change? Mr. Olinde stated the Service's final rule should be out by the end of July. Chairman Babin then asked for a motion to adopt the recommended season dates for teal, rail, gallinules, snipe, woodcock. A motion was made by Commissioner McCall and it was seconded by Commissioner Cormier. Chairman Babin asked if an alternate motion was needed if the Commission wanted to give the Secretary the authority to change the dates? Mr. Puckett answered no because the language was contained in the Resolution. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
JULY 8, 1997

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, LA July 8, 1997.

WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, D. C. have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, snipe, rail, gallinule, woodcock and teal, and

WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing early migratory bird season frameworks have been developed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for migratory species that include season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting

seasons for these migratory species within constraints established by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Commission does hereby adopt the tentative season dates for migratory birds which are attached and made part of this resolution, subject to the following stipulations:

(1) The Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to take any and all steps necessary on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these seasons as a Declaration of Emergency and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government; and

(2) If significant changes occur as a result of changes in the framework established by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service or for other reasons, the Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to alter the attached seasons based upon the recommendations of Department staff, supported by biological and technical data.

Daniel J. Babin, Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

A Declaration of Emergency to Set 1997 Alligator Season was presented by Mr. Phil Bowman. He stated it was time to set the season for the harvest of wild alligators by Declaration of Emergency. The staff's recommendation for the season would be September 6, 1997 through October 5, 1997. One letter was received suggesting setting the season dates one week earlier, but based on biological information, the staff suggested staying with the September 6 through October 5 dates. Final stages of the alligator nest statewide surveys are in the process of being completed and generally there is an increase in nesting activity throughout the State. Chairman Babin asked if there was any public comments? Commissioner McCall asked what did the records show as far as an increase or decrease in the numbers of alligators for this year? Mr. Bowman stated from a statewide perspective on the nesting survey, there has been an increase in nesting activity. Then Commissioner McCall stated he has been asked about as well as seen a number of alligators killed by 18 wheelers, other trucks and cars from the Gibstown Bridge to Creole and from Creole to the Little Chenier area. Then he asked Mr. Bowman if any information had been compiled on the numbers killed. Mr. Bowman stated he knew there were some alligators killed on the highways, but did not have the numbers with him. Commissioner McCall then asked if more tags

should be issued along this area so they could be harvested but still have enough alligators for tourist to see. Mr. Bowman stated they would look into the proposed increase in tags. Hearing no further discussion, Commissioner Gisclair made a motion to adopt the Declaration of Emergency. Commissioner Hanchey seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Chairman Babin stated there are a lot of alligators in the State and there may be a problem in the future. He then asked Mr. Bowman to keep the Commission aware of the situation. Mr. Bowman stated there may be a problem with alligators being fed by tourists on tour boats and the staff was looking at possible solutions.

(The full text of the Declaration of Emergency is made a part of the record.)

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provision of R.S. 49:953(B) and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967(D) which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission use emergency procedures to set the wild alligator season, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular meeting held July 8, 1997 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana does hereby set the 1997 wild alligator season dates as follows:

The annual wild alligator season dates shall be September 6, 1997 through October 5, 1997.

This emergency adoption is necessary to allow department biologists adequate time to gather the biological data required to recommend season dates and harvest quotas based on up to date information.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall have the authority to close, delay, reopen or extend this season as biologically justifiable.

Daniel J. Babin
Chairman

The Rule Ratification for Spanish Lake State Game & Fish Preserve was presented by Mr. Bennie Fontenot. The rule would establish visitor regulations for Spanish Lake in Iberia Parish. Mr. Fontenot recognized Ms. Greta Green, Chairperson for the Commission and stated she was available to answer questions if need be. It was felt the regulations was a good way to manage the area. Mr. Fontenot then asked the Commission to approve the rule to put the regulations into effect. Commissioner Cormier made a motion to

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ratify the Rule and it was seconded by Commissioner McCall. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Rule is made a part of the record.)

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts a rule establishing visitor regulations for Spanish Lake State Game and Fishing Preserve.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part III. State Game and Fish Preserves and Sanctuaries

Chapter 3. Particular Game and Fish Preserves and Commissions

§329. Spanish Lake State Game and Fishing Preserve

General

1. The preserve will open one-half hour before official sunrise and close one-half hour after official sunset. It will be closed to all nighttime activities.
2. Existing gates will remain in place. Parking is restricted to designated parking areas.
3. The levee road will have one-way traffic with the entrance at the boat ramp and the exit on Bernard Drive.
4. ATV's (three wheelers and four wheelers) and motorbikes are prohibited on the levee.
5. Discharge of any firearms on the levees is prohibited.
6. Overnight camping is prohibited, except by special permit issued by Spanish Lake Game and Fishing Preserve Commission for supervised groups only.
7. The possession or use of commercial nets, including hoop nets, trammel nets, gill nets and fish seines, is prohibited, except by special permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

8. No trapping of furbearing animals, except by special permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6, 721, et seq. and 801 and R.S. 36:610.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR

Daniel J. Babin
Chairman

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for June** was given by Captain Keith LaCaze. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of June.

Region I - Minden - 91 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 95 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 180 citations.

Region IV - Ferriday - 90 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 203 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 258 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 260 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 331 citations.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 358 citations.

Seafood Investigative Unit - 40 citations.

SWEP - 24 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 48 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 73 citations.

The aviation report for June 1997 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 84.5 hours for enforcement and 10.3 hours for other divisions.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of June was 1,707. It was also reported there were two boating fatalities in the Region VII area over the Fourth of July weekend. A new enforcement agent cadet class was in session at the present time. Chairman Babin asked when would the cadets complete their training? Captain LaCaze stated they should be finished around the

first of October. Commissioner McCall asked what was "Theft Against State No Wake Zone" on page 10 of the report? Captain LaCaze felt it was a typographical error.

Commissioner Gisclair posed the following question to Lt. Col. Charlie Clark - When a person is culling crabs from boxes he has bought from a fisherman, can he have up to a certain amount of undersized crabs or does he have to throw away as he is culling the crabs? Does the Department allow a time frame before the crabs have to be dumped? Lt. Col. Clark stated to ship crabs, they have to be labeled in the fisherman's boxes and there is a 10 percent tolerance on the amount of undersized crabs allowed. He also felt the agents would be reasonable in their decisions on culling crabs.

Chairman Babin then asked for **Division Reports**. Secretary Jenkins suggested the Commission should be involved in the money spent to promote nutria.

Then Secretary Jenkins stated the Legislative Session was over and during the session the Department was reauthorized for another two years. One of the bills, from the Legislative Session, that did not occur was taking the Oyster Division from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and putting it with the Department of Agriculture.

A meeting was held between the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Department of Agriculture on deer farming. Legislation was passed two years ago on this issue which states that if the deer are breed, raised and/or kept, they could be fenced and farmed. Agriculture's interpretation was, once the land was fenced, all of the deer in that area belonged to the landowner and hunters could be charged to hunt in that area. Senator Cain, author of the legislation, was contacted and he stated that was not the intent of the legislation. Commissioner Odom has proposed that an attempt be made to move the wild deer from the property before it was fenced in. Another proposal was to pay the Department \$500 for each deer killed over the next three years, but Secretary Jenkins stated the Department was not going to do that.

Another piece of legislation was to move the Enforcement Division over to State Police. But this bill also did not pass. Mr. Clyde Kimball spent a lot of time over at the Capitol during the Session and was helpful in tracking the legislation. A full report of legislation passed will be provided to the Commission as soon as possible.

Mr. Chester Carpenter, Hunter Education Coordinator with the Information & Education Division gave a report on hunter safety activities for the year. From July 1996 through June 1997, 502 hunter safety student courses were held statewide. Of these 502, 135 were presented in the public school systems and 367 were public courses. There were 14 volunteer instructor courses, 74 public bow

hunter courses, 2 public muzzleloader courses, 1 instructor muzzleloader course and 1 statewide advanced hunter education course were also taught. Just over 20,000 students were trained in the basic hunter education course and 1,500 were trained in the basic bow hunter course. Mr. Carpenter commended the volunteer instructors for their hard work and effort they put into the courses.

The Youth Hunter Education Challenge Results were next discussed by Mr. Carpenter. The competition was held at Camp Beauregard with 80 regional participants. Caddo-Bossier Senior Team was the perennial winner as well as first place winner in the Senior Division. Second place winner in the Senior Division was Jeanerette and Greater New Orleans took third place. In the Junior Division, Caddo-Bossier Team 1 and Team 2 took first and second places respectively and Terrebonne Junior Deputy Program took third place. The 15 members from both the senior and junior divisions will participate in the National Competition in New Mexico beginning at the end of July. Louisiana has won the National Competition two of the last three years. Mr. Carpenter then provided some information to the Commissioners.

Next Ms. Janice Collins gave a presentation on a new initiative for the Information & Education Division, a Radio Talk Show. Beginning on September 4, 1997 at 8:00 p.m. on WJBO, the Department will host a weekly one hour live program providing different guests each week. Also, there will be saltwater and freshwater fishing updates, hunting season updates, ^{and} many new regulations or laws that the listeners would need to know. Ms. Collins then stated WJBO is a news-talk-sports station that reaches as far west as Lafayette, up to the Felicianas, over to Covington and down to parts of New Orleans. One specific topic of the Department will be highlighted each week. Chairman Babin asked if this was a FM or AM station? Ms. Collins stated it can be found at 1150 AM. Then she stated if the program proves to be successful, it could go statewide in the spring of 1998.

Ms. Marianne Marsh presented the **National Hunting & Fishing Day Proclamation**. Ms. Marsh stated there was an error in the ninth paragraph, the dockside value figure was listed at \$36 million, but should have been \$315.8 million. She then requested the Commission officially declare September 27, 1997 as National Hunting and Fishing Day in Louisiana. This will be the 13th year Louisiana participates with four sites around the state hosting activities. Baton Rouge usually has the largest attendance, but the other sites are rapidly growing each year. The event is very popular and well received and Ms. Marsh hoped it would continue to grow. Ms. Marsh read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Proclamation. Commissioner Gisclair made a motion to accept the Proclamation. It was seconded by Commissioner McCall and approved with no opposition. ^{LDWF}

(The full text of the Proclamation
is made a part of the record.)

LOUISIANA'S NATIONAL HUNTING & FISHING DAY

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Louisianians are blessed with an abundance and diversity of game, fish, and seafood that hunters, fishermen, and commercial industries have long appreciated and recognized the need to conserve; and
- WHEREAS,** revenues raised by sportsmen and commercial industries have successfully restored some species that faced extinction or were threatened or endangered by environmental conditions often imposed by people; and
- WHEREAS,** hunters and anglers have a long history of contributing to conservation efforts statewide and nationwide, contributing more than \$12 billion to conservation programs during the past half century through license fees and self-imposed excise taxes; and
- WHEREAS,** half of the people in the United States 16 years old and older enjoy some type of fish- or wildlife-related activity, adding billions of dollars to local, state, and national economies; and
- WHEREAS,** a recent survey by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service indicated that 56 percent of all Louisianians participate in some type of fish- or wildlife-related activity; and
- WHEREAS,** recent figures indicate that the total economic impact of recreational fishing and fishing-related activities in Louisiana is \$1.6 billion and that Louisianians directly spend \$790 million on fishing, generating \$38.5 million in state and federal tax revenue; and
- WHEREAS,** latest figures indicate that the total economic impact of wildlife-related activities, including hunting and non-consumptive usage, in Louisiana is more than \$1.3 billion and that Louisianians directly spend \$643 million on hunting and other wildlife-associated recreation generating \$41.9 million in state and federal tax revenue; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana residents have spent an average of \$5.6 million on fishing licenses and \$3.8 million on hunting licenses annually during the last three years; and

WHEREAS, the state's warm Gulf waters and fertile estuarine systems are home to more than 100 commercially valuable seafood species, making Louisiana's commercial marine fisheries one of the most important in the nation with more than 1.1 billion pounds landed annually for a dockside value of approximately \$315.8 million, with more than 150,000 people directly and indirectly employed in harvesting, processing, wholesaling, and distribution of Louisiana seafood; now

THEREFORE the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby proclaims September 27, 1997, as the 13TH ANNUAL LOUISIANA NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY and urges all citizens to join with sportsmen, conservationists, and commercial industries in the continued support of the wise use of our natural resources and their proper management thereof for the benefit of future generations, and further urges all citizens to take in Hunting and Fishing Day activities and learn more about conservation and outdoor skills.

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After several minutes of discussion, the Commissioners decided to hold the **November 1997 Meeting** on Thursday, November 6, 1997 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Baton Rouge Headquarters Office.

Chairman Babin asked Mr. John Roussel to present a report on the Spring Shrimp Season at the next meeting.

Chairman Babin then asked if there were any **Public Comments**. Mr. Pierce Summers, a senior citizen, stated he has a problem with accessibility to prime hunting on wildlife management areas. He asked the Commission and Department address the issue and show any consideration possible. Mr. Tommy Prickett stated there was another change in the pamphlet for this year that was not mentioned earlier. Handicapped ATV trails have been opened to senior citizens over the age of 70 which hopefully would greatly enhance their access to the WMAs. Mr. Summers stated he appreciated the effort, but it does not solve the problem. He asked them to look again at the designation of the roads and give some access to prime hunting for senior citizens.

There being no further business, Commissioner Carver made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey.

LWFC nixes change, OKs seasons

By JOE MACALUSO

Advocate outdoors writer

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission refused to increase the power of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries secretary Jimmy Jenkins Jr., before ratifying the 1997-98 resident game seasons and bag limits on Tuesday.

The commission struck a paragraph from the State Hunting Regulations pamphlet that assistant DWF secretary Johnny Tarver said he inserted to give the secretary the power to amend or alter hunting seasons for sound biological reasons to properly manage wildlife resources.

That power has always been reserved for the appointed commission, which has depended on biologists in the department to make the determination.

Jenkins has no background in wildlife biology and has been on the outs with his biologists since shortly after being appointed to the job by Gov. Mike Foster.

Jenkins told the commission, however, that he knew nothing about the language in the pamphlet. Tarver accepted responsibility for the change that took away authority from the biologists.

Tarver said the paragraph was included to avoid complications in extending the fur-trapping

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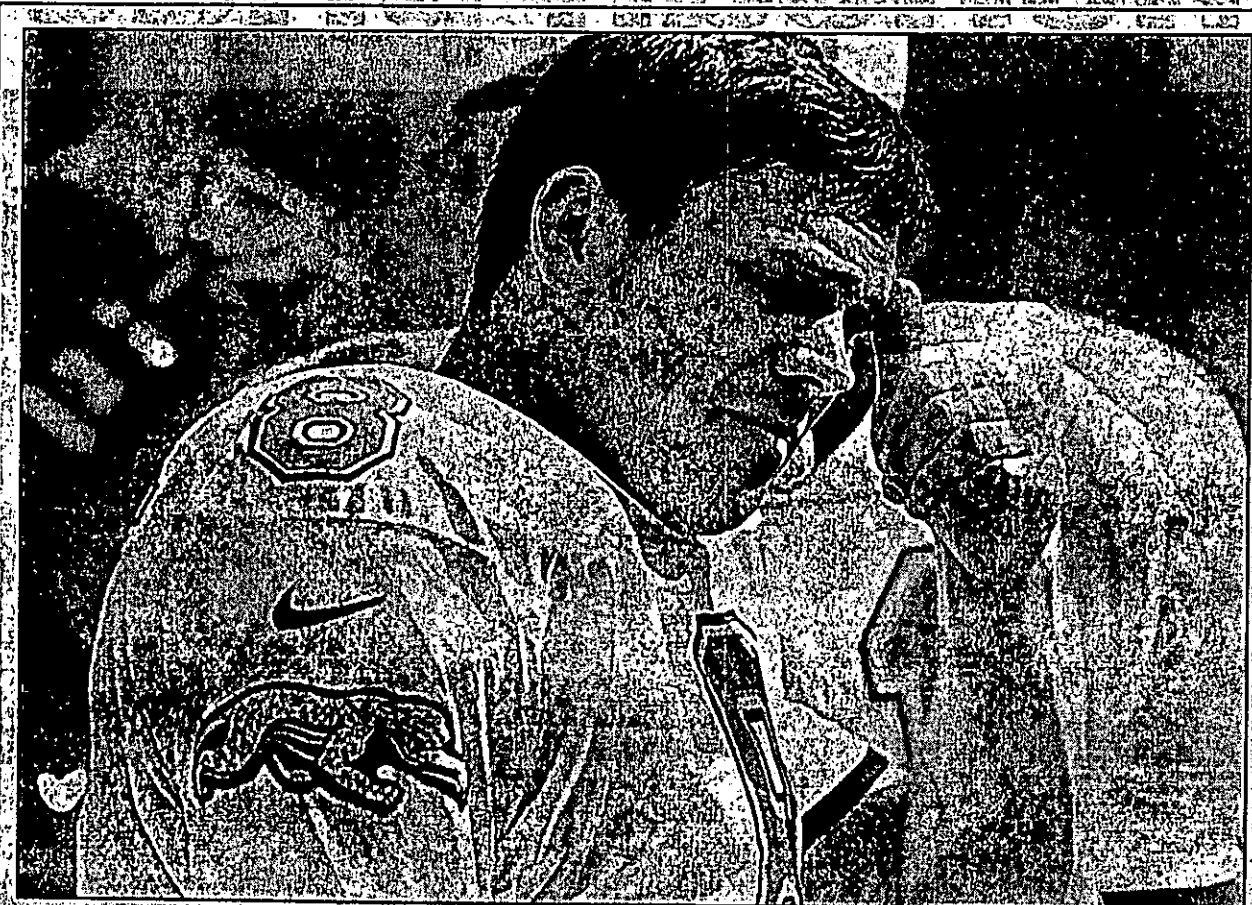
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(The Associated Press contributed to this report.)



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By The Associated Press

THE NFL

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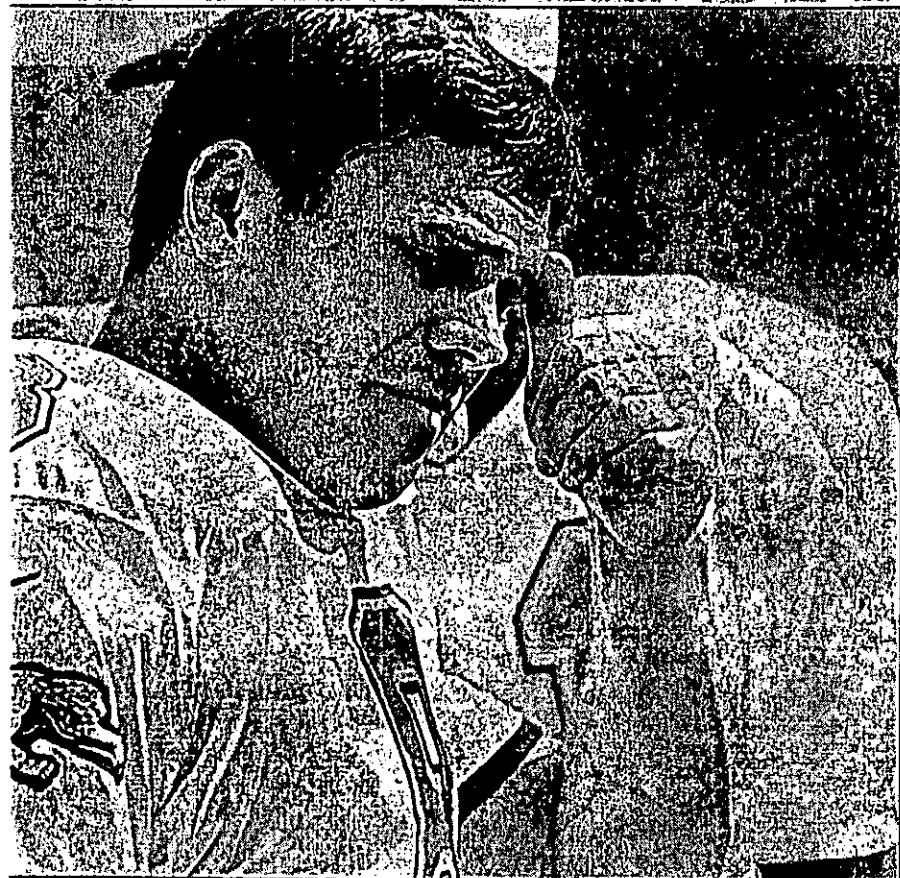
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1997-98 resident-game seasons

Louisiana's 1997-98 hunting seasons and bag limits for squirrel, rabbit, quail, pheasant and deer approved by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Tuesday:

- **Squirrel (statewide):** Oct. 4-Feb. 8. Daily limit is 8. Possession limit is 16 after opening day.
- **Rabbit (statewide):** Oct. 4-Feb. 28. Daily limit is 8. Possession limit is 16 after opening day.
- **Quail (statewide):** Nov. 27-Feb. 28. Daily limit is 10. Possession limit is 20 after opening day.
- **Pheasant (limited to southwestern parishes):** Nov. 27-Jan. 31. Daily limit is 2. Possession limit is 4 after opening day.
- **Deer (state divided into seven areas for season dates):** Statewide daily limit for gun seasons are 1 per day, except during either sex hunting (doe) days when limit is 1 antlered and 1 antlerless deer per day. The season limit is 6 antlered and antlerless deer in an aggregate. Archery and muzzleloader-only seasons are either-sex hunting statewide.
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 - Area 3 — Archery: Sept. 20-Jan. 20; Muzzleloader: Oct. 4-10 & Dec. 13-19; Guns: Oct. 11-Dec. 7 & Dec. 20-Jan. 4 (still-hunting only).
 - Area 4 — Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31; Muzzleloader: Nov. 15-21 & Jan. 5-11; Guns: Nov. 22-Jan. 4 (still-hunting only).
 - Area 5 — Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31; Muzzleloader: (bucks only) Nov. 15-21 & Jan. 5-11; Guns: Nov. 22-30 (still-hunting only).
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 - Area 7 — Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31; Muzzleloader: Oct. 4-10 & Jan. 19-25; Guns: Oct. 11-26 & Nov. 22-Dec. 7 (still-hunting only); Dec. 13-Jan. 18 (with or without dogs).
- **Alligators:** Sept. 6-Oct. 5. Limited to certain areas and hunters with state-approved tags.

Proposed seasons

MIGRATORY BIRDS

Voted upon by Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Tuesday and pending approval of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Shooting hours for all migratory birds is one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Exception is for the dove season when the opening weekends of each of the three splits — Sept. 6-7, Oct. 18-19 & Dec. 20-21 — when shooting hours are noon to sunset.

■ **Doves (70 days; statewide)** — Three splits: Sept. 6-14 (9 days); Oct. 18-Nov. 17 (31 days); Dec. 20-Jan. 18 (30 days). Daily limit is 12. Possession limit is 24 after opening day.

■ **Teal (9-day special season; statewide)** — Sept. 20-28: Blue-winged, green-winged and cinnamon teal only. Daily limit is 4. Possession limit is 8 after opening day. State and Federal waterfowl stamps required.

■ **Rails (split season)** — Sept. 20-28 (9 days); Nov. 8-Jan. 7 (61 days). Daily limit for King & Clapper rails is 15 in the aggregate with a possession limit of 30. Daily and possession limit for Sora and Virginia rails is 25 in the aggregate.

■ **Gallinules (split season; statewide)** — Sept. 20-28 (9 days); Nov. 8-Jan. 7 (61 days). Daily limit is 15. Possession limit is 30 after opening day.

■ **Snipe (statewide)** — Nov. 8-Feb. 22 (107 days). Daily limit is 8. Possession limit is 16 after opening day.

■ **Woodcock (statewide)** — Dec. 18-Jan. 31 (45 days). Daily limit is 3. Possession limit is 6 after opening day.

TURKEY

Louisiana's proposed 1998 turkey hunting seasons and bag limits. There will be a 120-day public comment period until the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission approved the seasons and limits at its Nov. 6 meeting.

Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Daily limit is one gobbler. The season limit is three gobblers. Still-hunting only and use of dogs, baiting, electronic calling devices and live decoys is illegal.

Area A — March 21-April 26
Area B — April 11-26
Area C — March 21-29



COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

Tuesday, July 8, 1997
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Danny Babin (Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Perry Gisclair	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Tom Gattle	<u>—</u>	<u>✓</u>
Glynn Carver	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Joseph Cormier	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Jerald Hanchey	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Norman McCall	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>

Mr. Chairman:

There are 6 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.
Secretary Jenkins is also present.

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BATON ROUGE, LA
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10:00 AM

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 - a. Youth Challenge Results
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12. Public Comments
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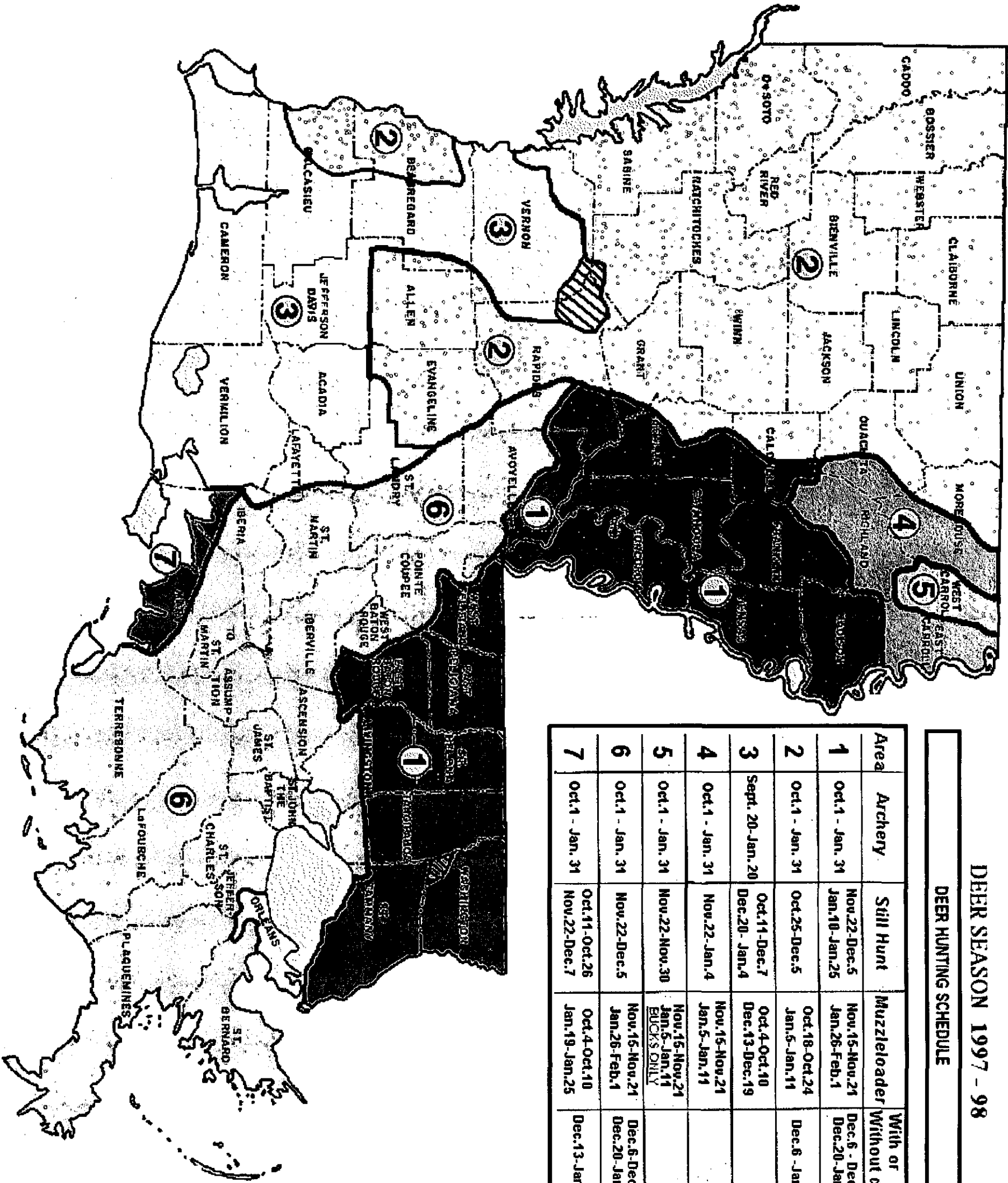
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 - ✓a. Youth Challenge Results
 - ✓b. Radio Talk Show
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12. Public Comments
13. Adjournment

DEER SEASON 1997 - 98

DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

Area	Archery	Still Hunt	Muzzleloader	With or Without dogs
1	Oct.1 - Jan. 31	Nov.22-Dec.5 Jan.10-Jan.25	Nov.15-Nov.21 Jan.26-Feb.1	Dec.6 - Dec.14 Dec.20-Jan.9
2	Oct.1 - Jan. 31	Oct.25-Dec.5	Oct.18-Oct.24 Jan.5-Jan.11	Dec.6 -Jan.4
3	Sept. 20-Jan.20	Oct.11-Dec.7 Dec.20 - Jan.4	Oct.4-Oct.10 Dec.13-Dec.19	
4	Oct.1 - Jan. 31	Nov.22-Jan.4	Nov.15-Nov.21 Jan.5-Jan.11	
5	Oct.1 - Jan. 31	Nov.22-Nov.30	Nov.15-Nov.21 Jan.5-Jan.11 BUCKS ONLY	
6	Oct.1 - Jan. 31	Nov.22-Dec.5	Nov.15-Nov.21 Jan.26-Feb.1	Dec.6-Dec.14 Dec.20-Jan.25
7	Oct.1 - Jan. 31	Oct.11-Oct.26 Nov.22-Dec.7	Oct.4-Oct.10 Jan.19-Jan.25	Dec.13-Jan.18



RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 8, 1997

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, July 8, 1997.

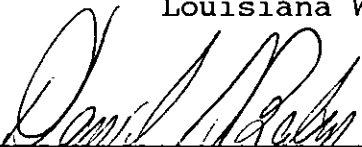
WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and


WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.



Daniel J. Babin, Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the March 1997 Louisiana Register, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July hereby ratifies these regulations on open hunting season dates, bag limits, methods of taking, and rules and regulation on Department operated wildlife management areas for the period September 1, 1997 through August 31, 1998. Authority to establish regulation is vested in the Commission by §115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 1997-98 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23: (July 1997).

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 1997-98

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	Nov. 27-Feb. 28	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 4-Feb. 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 4-Feb. 8	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless (When Legal)	6

C. Deer Hunting Season Recommendations

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex)	Still Hunt	With or Without Dogs
1	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 15-Nov. 21 Jan. 26-Feb. 1	Nov.22-Dec. 5 Jan.10-Jan.25	Dec. 6-Dec.14 Dec. 20-Jan.9
2	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 18-Oct. 24 Jan. 5-Jan. 11	Oct. 25-Dec.5	Dec. 6-Jan. 4
3	Sept.20- Jan.20	Oct. 4-Oct. 10 Dec. 13-Dec. 19	Oct. 11-Dec.7 Dec. 20-Jan.4	
4	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 15-Nov. 21 Jan. 5-Jan. 11	Nov. 22-Jan.4	
5	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 15-Nov. 21 Jan. 5-Jan. 11 (Bucks Only)	Nov.22-Nov.30	
6	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 15-Nov. 21 Jan. 26-Feb. 1	Nov. 22-Dec.5	Dec. 6-Dec.14 Dec.20-Jan.25

7	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 4-Oct 10 Jan. 19-Jan. 25	Oct.11-Oct.26 Nov. 22-Dec.7	Dec.13-Jan.18
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D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Area	Basic Season Dates	Total Days	Exceptions (Those portions of the following parishes)
1	Nov.22-23, 28-30 Dec.6-7, 13-14	9	Nov.22-23, 28-30 (Franklin, Catahoula, LaSalle, Caldwell) Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7 (Avoyelles, Grant, Rapides)
2	Oct.25-26, Nov.1-2, 8-9, 28-30, Dec.6-7	11	Oct.25-26, Nov.28-30 (Caldwell, LaSalle) Oct.25-26, Nov.28-30, Dec.6-7 (Avoyelles)
3	Oct.11-12, 25-26, Nov.1-2, 8-9, 28-30	11	Oct.11-12, Nov.28-30, Dec.6-7 (St. Landry)
4	Nov.22-23, 28-30	5	Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7, 13-14 (East Carroll)
5	None		
6	Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7, 13-14	9	Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7 (Avoyelles, Rapides, St. Landry)
7	Oct.11-12, Nov.22- 23, 28-30, Dec.13- 14	9	

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Daniel J. Babin

Chairman

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1997-98 HUNTING SEASONS

The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by Section 115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and are considered to be in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

~~The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Secretary, with concurrence from the Wildlife Division, is authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to amend or alter hunting seasons for sound biological reasons to properly manage wildlife resources.~~

Pursuant to Act 169 of the 1988 regular session of the Legislature, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds, and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds, and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

A HUNTER'S PLEDGE

Responsible hunting provides unique challenges and rewards. However, the future of the sport depends on each hunter's behavior and ethics. Therefore, as a hunter, I pledge to

- Respect the environment and wildlife.
- Respect property and landowners.
- Show consideration for non-hunters.
- Hunt safely.
- Know and obey the law.
- Support wildlife and habitat conservation.
- Pass on an ethical hunting conservation.
- Pass on an ethical hunting tradition.
- Strive to improve my outdoor skills and understanding of wildlife.
- Hunt only with ethical hunters.

By following these principles of conduct each time I go afield, I will give my best to the sport, the public, the environment and myself. The responsibility to hunt ethically is mine; the future of hunting depends on me.

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS*(Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset)*

Also consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on WMAs or specific localities.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Quail	Nov. 27-Feb. 28	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 4-Feb. 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 4-Feb. 8	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal)	6/season

DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	ARCHERY	MUZZLELOADER (All Either Sex)	STILL HUNT	WITH OR WITH OUT DOGS
1	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 15-21 Jan. 26-Feb. 1	Nov. 22-Dec. 5 Jan. 10-25	Dec. 6-14 Dec. 20-Jan. 9
2	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Oct. 18-24 Jan. 5-11	Oct. 25-Dec. 5	Dec. 6-Jan. 4
3	Sept. 20-Jan. 20	Oct. 4-10 Dec. 13-19	Oct. 11-Dec. 7 Dec. 20-Jan. 4	
4	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 15-21 Jan. 5-11	Nov. 22-Jan. 4	
5	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 15-21 Jan. 5-11 (bucks only)	Nov. 22-30	
6	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 15-21 Jan. 26-Feb. 1	Nov. 22-Dec. 5	Dec. 6-14 Dec. 20-Jan. 25
7	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Oct. 4-10 Jan. 19-25	Oct. 11-26 Nov. 22-Dec. 7	Dec. 13-Jan. 18

Areas CLOSED to Either Sex Deer Hunting

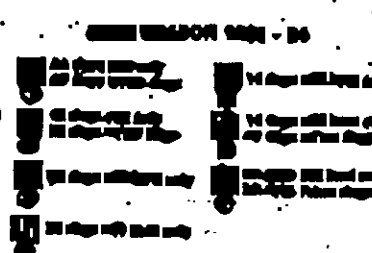
Parish	Portion Closed	Weapon Type (Archery, Muzzleloader, Modern Firearm)	Exceptions when antlerless deer may be taken
Caldwell	Entire Parish	All Weapon types	Private lands enrolled in DMAP may take antlerless deer and on Wildlife Management Areas
Catahoula	That portion of Representative District 20 designated as Precincts 1- 1, 1-2,2-1,2-2,3-1,3-2,4- 1,4-2,5-1,5-2,6-1, and 8-1	All Weapon types	Private lands enrolled in DMAP may take antlerless deer and on Wildlife Management Areas
Concordia	That portion of Representative District 20 designated as Precincts 5-3 and 5-4	All Weapon types	Private lands enrolled in DMAP may take antlerless deer and on Wildlife Management Areas
Franklin	Entire Parish	All Weapon types	Private lands enrolled in DMAP may take antlerless deer and on Wildlife Management Areas
Orleans	Entire parish	All Weapon types	None
West Carrol	Entire parish	Muzzleloader and modern firearms	Private lands enrolled in DMAP may take antlerless deer and on Wildlife Management Areas

(See Below for Closed Areas)

**MODERN FIREARM
EITHER SEX SEASONS**

AREA	BASIC EITHER SEX SEASON DATES	EXCEPT (Either-sex days are as follows in portions of the parishes listed)
1	Nov. 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14	Franklin, Catahoula, LaSalle, Caldwell parishes either-sex dates are Nov. 22-23, 28-30 <i>only</i> . Avoyelles, Grant and Rapides parish either-sex dates are Nov. 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7 <i>only</i> .
2	Oct. 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 28-30, Dec. 6-7	Caldwell, LaSalle parishes either-sex dates are Oct. 25-26, Nov. 28-30 <i>only</i> . Avoyelles parish either-sex dates are Oct. 25- 26, Nov. 28-30, Dec. 6-7 <i>only</i> .
3	Oct. 11-12, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 28-30	St. Landry Parish either-sex dates are Oct. 11-12, Nov. 28-30, Dec. 6-7 <i>only</i> .
4	Nov. 22-23, 28-30	East Carroll Parish either-sex dates are Nov. 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14 <i>only</i> .
5	None	
6	Nov. 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14	Avoyelles, Rapides, St. Landry parishes either-sex dates are Nov. 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7 <i>only</i> .
7	Oct. 11-12, Nov. 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 13-14	None

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OTHER SEASONS DATES

TURKEY:

Please refer to separate pamphlet scheduled for publication in December 1997.

RACCOON AND OPOSSUM:

No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 rimfire rifle. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 rimfire, muzzleloader rifle .36 caliber or smaller or shotgun during daylight hours during the open rabbit season. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is one per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

BLACKBIRDS AND CROWS:

All blackbirds, cowbirds, grackles and crows are considered crop depredators in Louisiana and may therefore be taken year round during legal shooting hours with no limit. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

FALCONRY: Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species except turkeys may be taken. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations EXCEPT squirrels may be taken by licensed falconers until Feb. 28.

LICENSED HUNTING PRESERVE: Oct. 1-Apr. 30. Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season.

DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE: Deer clubs enrolled in the voluntary program will be assessed a \$25 registration fee and .05/acre fee. Deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked to antlerless deer (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with bow and muzzleloader) through the ear or hock in a manner that it cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill. Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in immediate cancellation of the program on those lands involved.

HUNTING - GENERAL PROVISIONS

A basic resident or non-resident license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. *See information for exceptions.*

No person born on or after Sept. 1, 1969, shall hunt with a firearm unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course taught or approved by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. However, a person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by and is under the direct and immediate supervision of a person 18 years of age or older. For course information, call (504) 765-2932 or any district office.

A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer. A separate wild turkey stamp is required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

TAKING GAME QUADRUPEDS OR BIRDS from aircraft, with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

METHODS OF TAKING RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND QUADRUPEDS

Use of a longbow (including compound bow) and arrow and a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey and waterfowl. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle larger than a .22 caliber rimfire or a muzzleloader rifle larger than .36 caliber. During closed deer gun season, it shall be illegal to possess shotgun shells loaded with shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot while small game hunting.

Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced.

Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly.

Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

NUISANCE ANIMALS - Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means and EXCEPT that nutria and beaver can not be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required during open trapping season to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken.

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES - Louisiana Black Bear, Louisiana Pearlshell (mussel), Sea Turtles, Gopher Tortoise, Ringed Sawback Turtle, Brown Pelican, Bald Eagle, Peregrin Falcon, Whooping Crane, Eskimo Curlew, Piping Plover, Interior Least Tern, Ivory-billed Woodpecker, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Bachman's Warbler, West Indian Manatee, Florida Panther, Pallid Sturgeon, Gulf Sturgeon, Attwater's Greater Prairie Chicken, Whales, and Red Wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.

UNREGULATED QUADRUPEDS - Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to chase-only during still hunting segments of the firearm season for deer. **FOXES AND BOBCATS** are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" permitted by licensed hunters.

HUNTING AND/OR DISCHARGING FIREARMS ON PUBLIC ROADS - Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds with a gun during open season while on a public highway or public road right of way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and rights of way is prohibited and these provisions will be strictly enforced.

TAGS - Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, address and big game license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. Deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the ear or the hock of antlerless deer, (including those taken with bow and muzzleloader and those antlerless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before deer is moved from the site of the kill.

SEX IDENTIFICATION - Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head, shall remain on any deer taken or on all turkey taken during any special gobbler season (unless properly divided and tagged), so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is en route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

In addition to State regulations, the following Federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting and storing of migratory game birds:

RESTRICTIONS - No person shall take migratory game birds:

With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive or stupefying substance.

With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.

From a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).

From or with the aid of a car or other motor-driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegic and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body which involves both legs, usually due to disease or injury to the spinal cord.

From or by means of any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled, and its progress therefrom has ceased.

By the use or aid of live decoys. All live, tame or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such tame birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl.

Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls.

By driving, rallying or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sail boat to put them in the range of the hunter.

By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement, on or over any baited area). Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation.

CLOSED SEASON - No person shall take migratory game birds during the closed season.

SHOOTING OR HAWKING HOURS - No person shall take migratory game birds except during the hours open to shooting and hawking as prescribed.

DAILY BAG LIMIT - No person shall take in any one day more than one daily bag limit.

FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT - No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

WANTON WASTE - All migratory game birds shall be retrieved, if possible, and retained in the custody of the hunter in the field.

TAGGING - No person shall give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:

1. The hunter's signature.
2. The hunter's address.
3. The total number of birds involved, by species.
4. The dates such birds were killed.

Tagging is required if the birds are being transported by another person for the hunter or if the birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment or taxidermy services.

POSSESSION OF LIVE BIRDS - Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.

DRESSING - No person shall completely field dress any migratory game bird (except doves and bandtailed pigeons) and then transport the bird from the field. The head or one fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all such birds while being transported from the field to one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility.

SHIPMENT - No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with: (a) the name and address of the person sending the birds, (b) the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent and (c) the number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

IMPORTATION - For information regarding the Importation of migratory birds killed in another country, hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between a port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in a foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20.63), drawn and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING AND CONSERVATION STAMP (DUCK STAMP) - The law requires that each waterfowl hunter 16 years of age and older must carry on his person a valid Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (federal duck stamp) signed in ink across the face. Hunters younger than 16 may voluntarily purchase a duck stamp and help preserve wetlands for waterfowl. Louisiana law requires that persons between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive have a valid state duck stamp, signed in ink across the face, in possession while hunting ducks, geese and coots.

NONTOXIC SHOT REGULATIONS AND ZONE DESCRIPTIONS - No person shall take migratory game birds while possessing shot other than steel or other approved shot. This restriction applies only to ducks, geese, brant, swans and coots.

DUAL VIOLATION - Violation of State migratory bird regulations is also a violation of Federal regulations.

REFERENCE - Federal regulations related to migratory game birds are located in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

CAUTION - More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal regulations, contact U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Special Agent-In-Charge: Slidell (504) 257-7550; Denham Springs (504) 389-0360; Lafayette (318) 264-6630; Lake Charles (318) 437-7214; Monroe (318) 325-1735.

1997-98 GENERAL DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS

- A. One antlered and one antlerless (when legal) deer per day EXCEPT on Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.
- B. A legal buck is a deer with visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing bucks without at least one visible antler as described above and killing does is prohibited except where specifically permitted.
- C. Deer hunting restricted to legal bucks only, except where otherwise permitted.
- D. Either-sex deer is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.
- E. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber centerfire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or rifled slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.
- F. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting season. Deer hunting with dogs is permitted in all other areas having open deer seasons that

are not specifically designated as still hunting only. Use of dogs to trail wounded deer is expressly prohibited in still hunting areas.

G. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

H. **Muzzleloader Segment:** (Special license and muzzleloader firearms specifications apply only to the special state, WMA, National Forest and Preserves, and Federal Refuge seasons.) Still hunt only. See page 4 for specific hunting area dates. Specified WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Muzzleloader license required for hunters 16 years of age and older and less than 60 years of age. Either sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas EXCEPT Area 5 and as specified on Public Areas.

Legal Muzzleloader Firearms For Special Season: Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile, including sabot bullets only and be fitted only with iron sights or non-magnified scopes.

I. **Archery Segment:** Still hunting only; Oct. 1-Jan. 31 in all deer hunting areas, EXCEPT Area 3 where the season will be Sept. 20-Jan. 20. WMAs seasons are the same as outside except as noted below. Archery license required for bow hunters 16 and older and less than 60 years of age. Persons 60 years of age and older may use a crossbow without a special permit or license. Either sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting EXCEPT when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, archers must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Pass-a-Loutre and Point-au-Chien WMAs. (SEE SCHEDULE).

BOW AND ARROW REGULATIONS: Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened metal broadhead blades not less than 7/8 inch in width. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

IT IS UNLAWFUL:

1. To carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting with bow and arrow during the special bow and arrow deer season. EXCEPT, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).
2. To have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrows with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means except that hand held releases are lawful.
3. To hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds.

J. **HUNTER ORANGE:** Any person hunting deer shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "HUNTER ORANGE" during the open deer gun season. Persons hunting on privately owned, legally posted land may wear a cap or a hat that is completely covered with hunter orange material in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned and legally posted or to archery deer hunters hunting on legally posted lands where firearm hunting is not permitted by agreement of the landowner or lessee. **WARNING:** DEER HUNTERS ARE CAUTIONED TO WATCH FOR PERSONS HUNTING OTHER GAME OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES NOT REQUIRING "HUNTER ORANGE".

K. **SPECIAL HANDICAPPED EITHER-SEX DEER SEASON ON PRIVATE LAND:** Oct. 11-12. Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.

DESCRIPTION OF AREAS

**AREA 1 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES.
SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Catahoula	Tensas	East Feliciana
Concordia	East Baton Rouge	St. Helena
Franklin	Madison	Washington

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Avoyelles - North of La. 1.

- Caldwell - East of U.S. 165.
- Grant - East of U.S. 165 and South of La. 8.
- LaSalle - Portion south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.
- Livingston - North of I-12.
- Rapides - North of Red River from Avoyelles Parish line northward to U.S. 165 in Alexandria, east of U.S. 165 from Alexandria northward to Grant Parish line.
- St. Tammany - All EXCEPT that portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchoufouct River, west of Tchoufouct River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.
- Tangipahoa - North of I-12.
- West Feliciana - All EXCEPT that portion known as Raccourci and Turnbull Island.

STILL HUNTING ONLY IN ALL OR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES:

- Avoyelles - That portion surrounding Pomme de Terra WMA, bounded on the north, east, and south by La. 451 and on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its junction at the Bayou des Glaize structure east of Bordenville, southward to its juncture with La. 451.
- Catahoula - South of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to La. 8 at Harrisonburg, west of La. 8 to La. 913, west of La. 913 and La. 15 to Deer Creek.
- East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge - East of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi line to La. 10. North of La. 10 from Thompson Creek to La. 67 at Clinton, West of La. 67 from Clinton to Mississippi line. South of Mississippi line from La. 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of La. 67 from La. 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from La. 64 eastward to Amite River. West of Amite River southward to La. 64, north of La. 64 to La. 37 at Magnolia, east of La. 37 northward to La. 64 at Indian Mound, north of La. 64 from Indian Mound to La. 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of La. 67 from parish line north to La. 959, south of La. 959, east to La. 63, west of La. 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River, southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to La. 67.
- St. Helena - North of La. 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier, westward to La. 449, east and south of La. 449 from La. 16 at Pine Grove northward to La. 1045, south of La. 1045 from its junction with La. 449 eastward to the Tickfaw River, West of the Tickfaw River from La. 1045 southward to La. 16 at Montpelier.
- Washington and St. Tammany - East of La. 21 from the Mississippi line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi line, south of the Mississippi line from the Pearl River westward to La. 21. Also that portion of St. Tammany Parish north of La. 22 from U.S. 190 to La. 1077, east of La. 1077 northward to junction with U.S. 190, south and west of U.S. 190 from La. 1077 to junction with La. 22. Also, that portion of Washington Parish south of La. 10 from the Tchoufouct River, eastward to the Bogue Chitto River, west of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 10 southward to St. Tammany Parish.
- West Feliciana - West of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of U.S. 61 and La. 966, east of La. 966 from U.S. 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.
- Franklin - ALL.

**AREA 2 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES.
SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Bienville	DeSoto	Sabine
Bossier	Jackson	Union
Caddo	Lincoln	Webster
Calborne	Red River	Winn

EXCEPT: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations; see page 36. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as Area 2, EXCEPT still hunting only for deer, see page 37 and EXCEPT National Forest Land within the Kisatchie and Evangeline Ranger Districts described in Area 3 description ^{shall} maintain season dates and regulations as listed on page 36.

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

- Allen - North of U.S. 190 east of Reeves and east of La. 113.
- Avoyelles - That portion west of I-49.
- Beauregard - East of La. 113. Also, west of La. 27 north to DeRidder and south and east of U.S. 190 west of Deridder to Texas line.
- Calcasieu - West of La. 27 north of Sulphur and north of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.
- Caldwell - West of U.S. 165
- Evangeline - All EXCEPT the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.
- Grant - All EXCEPT the following portions: east of U.S. 165 from Rapides Parish line northward to La. 8 at Pollock, south and east of La. 8 from Pollock northward to Little River.
- Jefferson Davis - North of U.S. 190.
- LaSalle - All EXCEPT north of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.
- Morehouse - West of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, west of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, west and south of La. 593 to Collinston, west of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and north of La. 134 to Ouachita line.
- Natchitoches - All EXCEPT south of La. 134 and east of Mink-Hutton Road.
- Ouachita - All EXCEPT south of U. S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line.
- Rapides - All EXCEPT north of Red River from Avoyelles Parish line northward to U.S. 165 in Alexandria, east of U.S. 165 from Alexandria northward to Grant Parish line, north of La. 113 from the Vernon Parish line to the junction of La. 112 at Union Hill, west of La. 112 to the junction of La. 121 at Hineston, west of La. 121 to I-49, west of I-49 from La. 121 to La. 8, south of La. 8 from I-49 west to the Vernon Parish line, and portion south of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.
- Vernon - East and south of La. 113, north of La. 465 from Kurthwood to Mink-Hutton Road, west of Mink-Hutton Road from La. 465 to Natchitoches Parish line, west of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and north of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

STILL HUNTING ONLY IN ALL OR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES

Claborne and Webster: Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest. (See Kisatchie National Forest Regulations).

Ouachita: East of Ouachita River.

Rapides: West of U. S. 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, west of I-49 southward to Parish Line, north of Parish Line westward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 northward to U.S. 167 at Alexandria.

**AREA 3 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES.
SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

All of Acadia, Cameron and Vermilion parishes are open.

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Allen - South of U.S. 190 and west of La. 113.

Beauregard - West of La. 113. ALSO east of La. 27 north to DeRidder and north and west of U.S. 190 west of DeRidder to Texas line.

Calcasieu - East of La. 27 north of Sulphur and south of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.

Iberia - West of U.S. 90 and north of La. 14.

Jefferson Davis - All EXCEPT north of U.S. 190.

Lafayette - West of I-49 and U.S. 90.

Natchitoches - south of La. 118 and east of Mink-Hutton Road.

Rapides - ~~South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill, and north of La. 118 from Union Hill to Vernon line.~~

St. Landry - West of U.S. 167.

Vernon - West and north of La. 113, east of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, south of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line, south of La. 465 from Kurthwood to Mink-Hutton Road, east of Mink-Hutton Road from La. 465 to Natchitoches Parish line.

Kisatchie National Forest lands within Area 3 shall be still hunting only EXCEPT National Forest land within the Kisatchie and Evangeline Ranger Districts ~~which~~ ^{shall} maintain season dates and regulations as listed on page 36.

**AREA 4 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES.
SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

All of East Carroll and Richland parishes are open.

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Morehouse - East of U. S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, south and east of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, east of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, east and north of La. 593 to Collinston, east of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and south of La. 134 to Ouachita line.

Ouachita - South of U. S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Skard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line.

North of La. 113 from the Vernon Parish line to the junction of La. 112 at Union Hill, west of La. 112 to the junction of La. 121 at Hinesboro, west of La. 121 to I-49, west of I-49 from La. 121 to Re. 8, south of Re. 8 from I-49 west to the Vernon Parish line.

**AREA 5 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES.
SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

ALL OF WEST CARROLL PARISH IS OPEN.

Muzzleloader hunting is either sex. All other deer hunting is for bucks only.

**AREA 6 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES.
SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

ALL OF ORLEANS PARISH IS CLOSED TO ALL FORMS OF DEER HUNTING

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Ascension	Plaquemines	St. John
Assumption	Pointe Coupee	St. Martin
Iberville	St. Bernard	Jefferson
St. Charles	Terrebonne	Lafourche
St. James	West Baton Rouge	

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Avovelles - South of La. 1 and also that portion east of I-49.

Evangeline - That portion east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

Iberia - East of U.S. 90.

Lafayette - East of I-49 and U.S. 90.

Livingston - South of I-12.

Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

St. Landry - East of U.S. 167.

St. Mary - North of U.S. 90.

St. Tammany - That portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchoufouct River, west of Tchoufouct River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

Tangipahoa - South of I-12.

West Feliciana - West of Mississippi River, known as Racourci and Turnbull Islands.

STILL HUNTING ONLY IN ALL OR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES

Plaquemines - East of the Mississippi River.

Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

St. Bernard - All of the parish shall be still hunting only EXCEPT that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre.

St. John - South of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to U.S. 51, east of U.S. 51 from Pass Manchac to La. 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of La. 638 from U.S. 51 to Lake Pontchartrain. West of Lake Pontchartrain from La. 638 to Pass Manchac.

St. Landry - Those lands surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded north and east by La. 359, west by La. 10, and south by La. 103.

**AREA 7 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES.
SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Iberia and St. Mary Parishes - South of La. 14 and west U. S. Hwy. 90.

**1997-98
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS**

GENERAL

The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

Citizens are cautioned that by entering upon a WMAs managed by the LDWF that they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

Wildlife management area seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the Department in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

Lands within WMA boundaries will have same seasons and regulations as the management area with which they are associated.

Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs except in designated locations is prohibited.

Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval.

Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (acorn, pecans, etc.) and wild plants is prohibited without prior approval.

Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day. Commercial operation must obtain permit from the District Office.

Nature trails - access to trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material prohibited.

Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

PERMITS

DAILY: Daily permits when required shall be obtained at permit stations on or near each WMA. Hunters may enter the area 1/4 hour before legal shooting time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must check out daily and exit the area 1/4 hour after legal shooting time.

SELF CLEARING PERMITS: On designated WMAs with Self Clearing requirements all hunters must check in daily by picking up a permit from a Self Clearing station. Upon completion of each daily hunt, the hunter must check out by completing the hunter report portion of the permit and depositing it in the check out box at a Self Clearing station before exiting the WMA.

WILD LOUISIANA STAMP: Persons using WMA's or other department administered lands for non-consumptive purposes, such as camping, shooting on rifle ranges, berry picking, hiking, photography, bird-watching and the like, shall be required to possess one of the following: a Wild Louisiana stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement.

SPECIAL SEASONS

YOUTH DEER HUNT: Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. All other seasons are closed EXCEPT special seasons. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. Adult may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Contact the appropriate district office for special check station locations when daily permits are required and maps of specific hunting area. Either-sex deer may be taken on the following WMAs during the dates specified: Oct. 18-19 on Boise Vernon, Georgia Pacific, Jackson-Blenville (portion), Ouachita, Sabine, Salvador/Timken and West Bay; Nov. 8-9 on Boeuf, Loggy Bayou, Pearl River (self-clearing permit required), Red River, Dewey Wills, Sherburne and Spring Bayou; Nov. 1-2 and Nov. 8-9 on Bens Creek (self-clearing permit required). Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves will have a Youth Deer Hunt on Oct. 11-12.

HANDICAPPED SEASON: For handicapped hunters only, Oct. 18-19, West Bay and a portion of Jackson-Blenville; Bens Creek Nov. 1-2 (self-clearing permit required) and Bens Creek Nov. 8-9 (self-clearing permit required), Sherburne and a portion of Dewey Wills. Participants must apply for and receive a permit in advance from any District Office. Contact District Office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves will have a Handicapped Deer Hunt on Oct. 11-12.

LOTTERY HUNTS, DEER: Bayou Macon, Buckhorn, Sherburne, Thistlethwaite WMAs. Hunt restricted to those persons selected as a result of the preapplication Lottery. Deadline for application is Sept. 30, 1997. A \$5 non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Contact district offices for applications. Hunters on Bayou Macon must check in to have permit validated at Hwy. 2 Permit Station. Hunters on all four areas must check their deer out at a check station.

LOTTERY HUNTS, TURKEY: Hunts on Dewey Wills, Georgia Pacific, Loggy Bayou, Tunica Hills, Sicily Island Hills, and Sherburne WMAs restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Deadline for applications is Jan. 31, 1998. All turkeys must be checked in at self-clearing station. Contact District Offices for more details. Consult separate Turkey Hunting Regulations pamphlet for more details.

TRAPPING: Permits to take fur bearers from WMAs may be obtained at district offices when required. Consult 1997-98 Trapping Regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. On WMAs where permits are required each trapper must submit an annual trapping report to the District Office where his permit was obtained. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of trapping privileges on the WMAs. Permits may be obtained only between hours of 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on normal working days at district offices. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress.

RACCOON HUNTING: NIGHTTIME EXPERIMENTAL — Raccoon hunters with dogs must submit an annual report of their kill to the district office for WMAs where permits are required. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of hunting privileges on WMAs. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person, during daylight hours only, during the open squirrel season on WMAs EXCEPT Pass-a-Loutre, Point-au-Chien and Salvador/Timken. Raccoon bag limit is one per person per night for raccoon hunters on WMAs except as otherwise specified. Permits, when required, may be obtained at district offices only between hours of 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on normal working days.

COMMERCIAL FISHING: Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines permitted on Dewey Wills WMA north of La. 28 in diversion canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl season on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-Au-Chien WMAs EXCEPT shrimping allowed on Pointe-Au-Chien only in Cut Off Canal during daytime and nighttime, and trawling allowed in Wonder Lake during daytime only. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges.

SPORT FISHING: Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are permitted on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations EXCEPT nighttime frogging prohibited on Salvador/Timken and Pointe-Au-Chien.

ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT LANDS: The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Small tracts are located in Rapides, Vernon, West Carroll, Evangeline and St. Helena parishes. These small tracts have been acquired from the Farmers Home Administration or other sources for conservation purposes. The following hunting seasons are applicable to these tracts EXCEPT for Elbow Slough in Rapides parish. Contact the appropriate Wildlife and Fisheries District Office for specific information and any additional season dates.

Doves: Same as outside, EXCEPT open first split only and EXCEPT steel shot required on Elbow Slough.

Quail and Woodcock: Same as outside.

Rabbit and Squirrel: Same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 19-Feb. 28.

FIREARMS

Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs and ATCs on WMAs. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas.

Firearms and bows and arrows are not permitted on WMAs during closed seasons EXCEPT on designated shooting ranges. Bows and broadhead arrows are not permitted on WMAs EXCEPT during regular archery season, turkey season or EXCEPT as permitted for bowfishing.

Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists.

Loaded firearms are not permitted near WMA check stations.

Center-fire rifles and handguns, arms larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs, or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot cannot be carried onto any WMA EXCEPT during deer season.

Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

Discharging of firearms on or hunting from improved roads or their rights-of-way is prohibited.

METHODS OF TAKING GAME

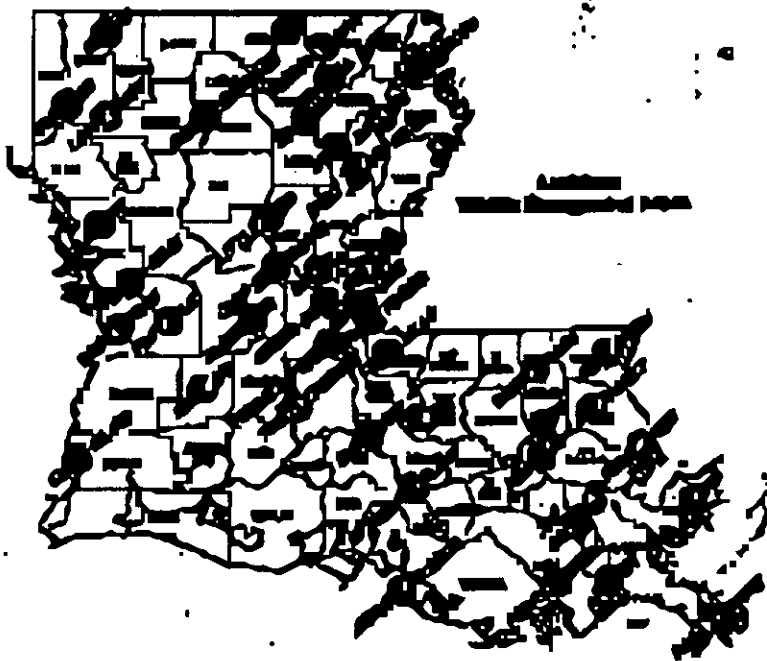
Moving Deer or Hogs on a WMA with organized Drivers and Standers, Drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

Baiting or hunting over bait is prohibited on all WMAs (hogs included). Unmarked hogs may be taken on some WMAs but only during prescribed seasons and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. Proper licenses and permits are required for hunting the game species for which the area is open at the time.

Hunters who kill deer on WMAs that require daily permits must have deer checked at the check station on same day of kill.

Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only. No WMA will be open for deer during early still hunt season unless specified in the regulation pamphlet.

Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed.



A permanent stand is any stand which is not removed from the WMA or dismantled within one hour after the close of legal shooting hours. Stands removed from trees or laid on the ground are considered dismantled. All stands must be removed from the WMA one week after the close of deer season.

A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within one hour after the close of legal shooting hours. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal, poles, wire, mesh, webbing, or any materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within one hour of the close of legal shooting hours. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily.

It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are also prohibited.

Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and disposed of by the Department. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

Hunters shall not hunt, take or pursue game birds or animals from moving vehicles on any WMA.

Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMA's.

The use of horses and mules is prohibited for hunting or trapping on WMAs EXCEPT for quail hunting or EXCEPT as otherwise specified. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer EXCEPT as permitted for bird dog field trials on Sandy Hollow WMA.

All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters (including archers and small game hunters) on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" during open gun season for deer. Quail and woodcock hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. ALSO all non-hunters afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

ARCHERY SEASON FOR DEER: The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open to either sex deer EXCEPT as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Pointe-au-Chien and Salvador WMAs, and closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or handicapped hunters are in progress.

Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

MUZZLELOADER SEASON FOR DEER: See WMA deer schedule.

CAMPING

Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreation vehicles and tents, is permitted only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs EXCEPT on stream banks adjacent to Department-owned designated camping areas.

On Atchafalaya Delta WMA, camp boats may be moored in specially designated areas throughout the waterfowl season until the close of rabbit season. On Pass-a-Loutre WMA, camp boats may be moored in specially designated areas during waterfowl season only. At all other times of the year, mooring period limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. Permits are required for overnight mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Areas. Permits may be obtained from headquarters on respective WMAs or from the New Iberia office (318) 373-0032 for Atchafalaya Delta WMA.

No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.

Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area.

Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations.

Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation.

Swimming prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

RESTRICTED AREAS

For your safety ALL oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

No unauthorized entry or hunting in restricted areas or refuges.

DOGS

EXCEPT for bird hunting and duck hunting, all use of dogs on WMAs is EXPERIMENTAL as required by law. EXCEPT for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting and bird dog training when allowed, having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be held liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are permitted for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons.

VEHICLES

Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to ground) are prohibited.

The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within wildlife management areas due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

Tractor or implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles.

Airboats, aircraft and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs.

Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

Motorized vehicles, including ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads and trails. WMA maps available at all district offices. This restriction does not apply to bicycles.

Use of special ATV trails for handicapped persons restricted to special ATV handicapped permittees. Handicapped ATV permittees restricted to handicapped ATV trails or other ATV trails only (See WMA Map). Persons 70 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also permitted to use special handicapped trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails.

Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition or construction.

ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT on designated camping areas. All trails and roads designated as ATV only shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through June 1. ATV off-road travel is prohibited.

CAUTION: Many Department-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads.

**1997-98 SEASON
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS
BASIC SEASON DATES**

RESIDENT SMALL GAME (SQUIRREL, RABBIT, AND QUAIL)

Same as outside except closed during modern firearm either-sex deer seasons. Quail season closes Jan. 31 on Sandy Hollow. All small game hunting closed on Tunica Hills during the muzzleloader season. Consult the following tables and WMA regulations for any other specific details. Also see pages 30-35 for Atchafalaya Delta, Pass a Loutre, Pointe au Chien, and Salvador/Timken.

WATERFOWL (DUCKS, GEESE, AND COOTS)

Same as outside except closed during modern firearm either-sex deer seasons and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Consult the following tables and WMA regulations for any other specific details, including Lottery Waterfowl Hunt requirements for Red River WMA. Also see pages 30-35 for Atchafalaya Delta, Pass a Loutre, Pointe au Chien, and Salvador/Timken for further restrictions.

MIGRATORY BIRDS (DOVE, WOODCOCK, SNIPE, RAIL, AND GALLINULE)

Same as outside except closed during modern firearm either-sex deer seasons and no hunting on unharvested agricultural fields. Consult the following tables and WMA regulations for any other specific details, including lottery waterfowl hunt requirements on Red River WMA. Also see text for Atchafalaya Delta, Pass a Loutre, Pointe au Chien, Salvador/Timken, Sherburne, and Sandy Hollow.

ARCHERY

Same as outside EXCEPT as noted in the schedule. Also see pages 30-35 for Atchafalaya Delta, Pass a Loutre, Pointe au Chien, and Salvador/Timken.

HOGS

Hogs may be taken during any legal hunting season on designated WMAs by properly licensed hunters. On Dewey Wills WMA, consult the specific area for that portion of the WMA that allows hog hunting.

**SPECIAL SEASONS ON
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS**

WMA	SQUIRREL (with dogs)	RABBIT (with dogs)	HOGS	YOUTH HUNTS (see p. 18)	HANDICAPPED HUNTS (see p. 18)	RACCOON
Alexander State Forest	none	none	no	none	none	none
Atchafalaya Delta	none	see p. ?	no	none	none	none
Attakapas	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	none	none	none
Bayou Pierre	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	none	none	none
Bayou Macon	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	none	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1 (no limit)
Bens Creek	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	Nov. 1-2, Nov. 8-9	Nov. 1-2, Nov. 8-9	Jan. 19- Feb. 1 (no limit)

WMA	SQUIRREL (with dogs)	RABBIT (with dogs)	HOGS	YOUTH HUNTS (see p. 18)	HANDICAPPED HUNTS (see p. 18)	RACCOON
Big Lake	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	none	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Biloxi	none	see p. 30	no	none	none	none
Bodcau	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	none	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1 (no limit)
Boeuf	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	Nov. 8-9	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Boise- Vernon	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	Oct. 18-19	none	none
Buckhorn	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	none	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Camp Beauregard	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	none	none	none
Dewey Wills	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	Nov. 8-9	Nov. 8-9	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Fort Polk	none	none	yes	none	none	none
Georgia Pacific	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	none	no	Oct. 18-19	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Grassy Lake	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	none	none	none
Jackson Bienville	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	Oct. 18-19	Oct. 18-19	Jan. 19- Feb. 1 (no limit)
Joyce	none	none	no	none	none	none
Lake Ramsey	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	none	none	none
Little River	Jan. 5- Feb. 8	none	no	none	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Loggy Bayou	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	Nov. 8-9	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1 (no limit)
Manchac	none	none	yes	none	none	none
Ouachita	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	Oct. 18-19	none	Oct. 1-16 (chase only) Jan. 19- Feb. 1 (no limit)
Pass-a- Loutre	none	see p. ?	yes	none	none	none
Pearl River	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	Nov. 8-9	none	Oct. 4-19, (chase only) Jan. 19- Feb. 1 (no limit)
Peason Ridge	Jan. 5- Feb. 8	none	yes	none	none	none
Pointe au Chien	none	see p. ?	no	none	none	none

WMA	SQUIRREL (with dogs)	RABBIT (with dogs)	HOGS	YOUTH HUNTS (see p. 18)	HANDICAPPED HUNTS (see p. 18)	RACCOON
Pomme de Terre	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	none	none	none
Red River	none	none	yes	Nov. 8-9	none	none
Russell Sage	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	none	none	Oct. 1-16, (chase only) Jan. 19- Feb. 1 (no limit)
Sabine	Jan. 5- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	Oct. 18-19	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Sabine Island	Jan. 5- Feb. 8	none	no	none	none	none
Salvador/ Timken	none	see p. ?	no	Oct. 18-19	none	none
Sandy Hollow	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	see p.	none	none
Sherburne	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	Nov. 8-9	Nov. 8-9	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Sicity Island Hills	none	none	yes	none	none	none
Spring Bayou	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	Nov. 8-9	none	none
Thistle- thwaite	none	none	yes	none	none	none
Three Rivers	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	none	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Tunica Hills	none	none	no	none	none	none
Union	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	none	none	none
West Bay	Jan. 5- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	Oct. 18-19	Oct. 18-19	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Wisner	none	see p. ?	no	none	none	none

WMA	DEER EITHER SEX	PERMIT TYPE*	BUCKS ONLY	PERMIT TYPE*	MUZZLELOADER EITHER SEX	PERMIT TYPE*
Alexander State Forest			Nov. 28-30	0	Nov. 1-2, Nov. 8-9	1
Achafalaya Delta		see page ? for details				
Attakapas	Nov. 28-30	0	Dec. 20-Jan. 4	0	Jan. 5-11	0
Bayou Macon	Nov. 22-23	1 & 2			Dec. 4-5	3
Bens Creek	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 13-Jan. 4	3	Dec. 6-12 Jan. 5-18	3
Big Lake	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 27-Jan. 4	0	Dec. 4-5	0
Bodcau	Oct. 25-26 Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 28-30, Dec. 6-7	0	Oct. 27-31 Nov. 3-7, 10-27 Dec. 1-5	0		
Boeuf	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 27-Jan. 4	0	Dec. 4-5	0
Boise- Vernon	Oct. 25-26 Nov. 28-30	1 3	Oct. 27-Nov. 26	0	Dec. 1-7	0
Buckhorn	Nov. 28-29	2	Dec. 27-Jan. 4	0	Dec. 4-5	0
Camp Beauregard			Dec. 27-Jan. 4	3	Dec. 3-5	3

Permit Types:

- 0 — no permit required
 - 1 — daily permit issued day of hunt
 - 2 — pre-application lottery
 - 3 — self-clearing permit required daily
- Valid hunting license required on all WMAs*

WMA DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

WMA	DEER EITHER SEX	PERMIT TYPE*	BUCKS ONLY	PERMIT TYPE*	MUZZLELOADER EITHER SEX	PERMIT TYPE*
Dewey Wills	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 27-Jan. 4	0	Dec. 3-5	0
Fort Polk	Nov. 28-30 Dec. 20-21	1 3	Oct. 25-Nov. 26 Dec. 22-Jan. 4	3 3	Dec. 6-7	3
Georgia Pacific	Nov. 28-30	1	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	3	Dec. 1-7	3
Grassy Lake	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 26-Jan. 4	0	Jan. 5-11	0
Jackson Blenville	Oct. 25-26 Nov. 1-2 and 8-9 Nov. 28-30 Dec. 6-7	1 3 3 3	Nov. 22-27 Dec. 20-Jan. 4	3 3		
Joyce	Nov. 22-23, 28-30 Dec. 6-7, 13-14	0 0	Nov. 22-Dec. 14 Dec. 20-Jan. 25	0	Nov. 15-21 Jan. 26-Feb. 1	0
Lake Ramsey						
Little River						
Loggy Bayou	Nov. 28-30	1	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	0	Dec. 6-7	0
Ouachita	Nov. 28-30	1	Dec. 20-Jan. 4	3	Dec. 1-7	0
Pass-a-Loutre	see page ? for details					
Pearl River	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 13-Jan. 4	0 0	Dec. 6-12 Jan. 5-18	0 0

Permit Types:

- 0 — no permit required
 1 — daily permit issued day of hunt
 2 — pre-application lottery
 3 — self-clearing permit required daily
 Valid hunting license required on all WMAs

WMA DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

Nov 24-27,
 Dec 1-5,
 Dec 3-12

WMA	DEER EITHER SEX	PERMIT TYPE*	BUCKS ONLY	PERMIT TYPE*	MUZZLELOADER EITHER SEX	PERMIT TYPE*
Peason Ridge	Nov. 28-30 Dec. 20-21	3 3	Oct. 25-Nov. 26 Dec. 22-Jan. 4	3 3	Dec. 6-7	3
Point au Chien see page ? for details						
Pomme de Terre	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 26-Jan. 4	0 0		
Red River	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 27-Jan. 4	0 0	Dec. 4-5	0
Russell Sage	Nov. 28-30	1	Dec. 20-Jan. 4	3	Dec. 1-7	3
Sabine	Oct. 25-26 Nov. 28-30	3 3	Oct. 27-Nov. 26	0		
Sabine Island	Oct. 25-26 Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 28-30 Dec. 6-7	0	Same as Area 2	0	Oct. 18-24 Jan. 5-11	0
Salvador/ Timken	see page ? for details					
Sandy Hollow	Nov. 28-29	3	Nov. 30 Dec. 13-Jan. 4	3 3	Dec. 6-12 Jan. 5-18	3 3
Sherburne	Nov. 28-30 Dec. 6-7	2 3	Dec. 26-Jan. 4	0	Jan. 5-11	0

Permit Types:

- 0 — no permit required
 - 1 — daily permit issued day of hunt
 - 2 — pre-application lottery
 - 3 — self-clearing permit required daily
- Valid hunting license required on all WMAs

WMA DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

WMA	DEER EITHER SEX	PERMIT TYPE*	BUCKS ONLY	PERMIT TYPE*	MUZZLELOADER EITHER SEX	PERMIT TYPE*
Sicily Island Hills	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 27-Jan. 4	0	Dec. 4-5	0
Spring Bayou	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 26-Jan. 4	0	Jan. 5-11	0
Thistlethwaite	Nov. 28-30	2	Dec. 1-14	0	Jan. 5-11	0
Three Rivers	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 27-Jan. 4	0	Dec. 4-5	0
Tunica Hills					Nov. 15-Dec. 7	3
Union	Oct. 25-26 Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 28-30	1				
West Bay	Oct. 25-26 Nov. 28-30	1 3	Oct. 27-Nov. 26	0	Dec. 1-7	0

Permit Types:

- 0 — no permit required
 - 1 — daily permit issued day of hunt
 - 2 — pre-application lottery
 - 3 — self-clearing permit required daily
- Valid hunting license required on all WMAs*

WMA DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

1997-98 SEASON
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS HUNTING SCHEDULE
See charts on pages ?-? for Special Seasons.
See charts on pages ?-? for Deer Season.

1. **ALEXANDER STATE FOREST** (Owner: Office of Forestry, DNR — 8,092 Acres. District 3.):

Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads.

No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges.

No open fires EXCEPT in recreation areas.

2. **ATCHAFALAYA DELTA** (Owner: State of Louisiana — 137,000 Acres. District 6.):

Deer: (Archery Only)	Oct. 1-Oct. 31. Main Delta only (Wax Lake Delta Closed). No hunting in restricted areas. Special permit required from Atchafalaya Delta headquarters.
Migratory Game Birds:	Same as outside EXCEPT shooting hours shall be 1/2 hour before sunrise to noon during opening weekends of teal and duck seasons and 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset the remainder of the season.
Rabbit:	Nov. 1-Feb. 28. Beagles permitted when waterfowl season is closed. No hunting in restricted areas.

3. **ATTAKAPAS** (Owner: State of Louisiana — 26,300 Acres. District 6.):

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

4. **BAYOU MACON** (Owner: LDWF — 6,940 Acres. District 2.)

All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

5. **BAYOU PIERRE** (Owner: LDWF — 1,400 Acres. District 1):

Waterfowl:	Entire area CLOSED to waterfowl hunting. Waterfowl Refuge closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping. Refuge marked with "Waterfowl Refuge" signs.
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All vehicles restricted to parish roads.

6. **BENS CREEK** (Owner: Cavenham Forest Industries Inc. — 13,500 acres. District 7):

All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads.
Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads.

No hunting in restricted areas. (See WMA Map).

Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and during the spring turkey season.

No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots marked by two yellow painted rings on the nearest tree.

7. **BIG LAKE** (Owner: LDWF — 19,221 Acres. District 4.):

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

8. **BILOXI** (Owner: Biloxi Marsh Land Corporation — 39,583 Acres. District 7.)

Rabbit:	Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only during duck season.
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Migratory Game Birds:	Same as outside.
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9. **BODCAU** (Owner: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers — 32,471 Acres. District 1.):

10. **BOEUE** (Owner: LDWF — 48,504 Acres. District 4.)

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

11. BOISE-VERNON (Owner: Boise-Cascade Company — 54,269 Acres. District 5.):
Road travel and hunting restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads.
Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated
for motorized vehicle travel.

12. BUCKHORN (Owner: LDWF — 8,955 Acres. District 4.):

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

13. CAMP BEAUREGARD (Owner: Louisiana National Guard — 10,000 acres. District 3.)

SELF CLEARING PERMIT STATIONS AND MILITARY PERMIT.

Daily military clearance required for all recreational users.

Registration for use of Self Clearing permit required once per year at Range Central Building,
telephone 318/641-3355, 318/641-3365 or LDWF, District III office, telephone 318/487-5885.
All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

14. DEWEY W. WILLS (Owner: LDWF — 60,276 Acres. District 3.):

Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters in fenced-in areas south
and east of Hwy. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited in areas south and east of Hwy. 28.

Free-ranging livestock EXCEPT hogs prohibited in fenced-in areas north of Hwy. 28.

Roads may be closed during periods of flooding.

15. FORT POLK (Owner: U.S. Army and U.S. Forest Service — 109,855 Acres. District 5.):

Daily military clearance required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit
required once per year at Building #7803, North Fort Polk, telephone (318) 531-5715 or (318)
531-5255. Either-sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. * Moving Deer
or Hogs on a WMA with organized Drivers and Standers, Drivers or making use of noises
or noise-making Devices is prohibited. Trappers must also register at Building #7803 and use
Self Clearing system. Special regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where
permits are issued.

Special archery regulations for Cantonment Areas, check locally at Building #7803.
Either-sex deer legal Oct. 1-Jan. 31. Remainder of WMA restricted to bucks only when bucks-
only gun season is in progress.

Fishing: Special regulations to apply on Alligator and Bonner Lakes.
Regulations are posted at entrance to lake.

16. GEORGIA-PACIFIC (Owner: Georgia-Pacific Corporation — 25,480 Acres. District 2.):

All nighttime activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

17. GRASSY LAKE (Owner: LDWF — 13,297 Acres. District 6.):

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

18. JACKSON-BIENVILLE (Owner: Willamette Industries, et al — 32,000 Acres. District 1.):

ATVs/ATCs are allowed on non-public maintained gravel roads. Check information booths or
daily permit stations to view marked maps. ATVs/ATCs are NOT allowed from March 1 through
June 1.

19. JOYCE (Owner: LDWF — 15,609 acres. District 7.):

Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms allowed with
in 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walk
way at your own risk.

20. LAKE RAMSAY (Owner: LDWF — 800 Acres. District 7.):

Foot traffic only - all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

21. LITTLE RIVER (Owner: LDWF — 2,944 Acres. District 3.):

Roads may be closed during wet conditions.

22. LOGGY BAYOU (Owner: LDWF — 4,213 Acres. District 1.)

Self Clearing Permit required for all persons hunting on Loggy Bayou EXCEPT when Daily Permits are required during the either-sex gun hunts for deer. Daily Permits will be available only from the check station at the camp ground.

23. MANCHAC (Owner: LDWF — 8,325 Acres. District 7.):

Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

24. QUACHITA (Owner: LDWF — 8,745 Acres. District 2.):

Waterfowl Refuge: North of La. Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during waterfowl season.

Crawfish: April 1-May 31, 100 lbs. per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight.

Commercial Fishing: Closed.

All nighttime activities are prohibited except as otherwise provided.

25. PASS-A-LOUTRE (Owner: LDWF — 66,000 Acres. District 8.):

Migratory Game Birds: Same as outside.

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan 31. Special permit required from Pass-a-Loutre headquarters.

Rabbit: Same as outside. Beagles permitted when waterfowl and archery season are closed.

Commercial Mullet Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT Sept. 1-Jan. 31, commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadre Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay and Northshore Bay oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA map.

26. PEARL RIVER (Owner: LDWF — 34,896 Acres. District 7.):

All roads closed 8 p.m.- 4:30 a.m. to all vehicles.
Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, La., reaches 16.5 feet.

Hogs: Must be reported at self-clearing check stations.

No Hunting in the vicinity of Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs.

Rifle range open 12-4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a \$5 fee.

27. PEASON RIDGE (Owner: U.S. Army — 33,488 Acres. District 5.):

Daily military clearance required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7803, North Fort Polk, telephone 318/531-5715 or 318/531-5255. Either-sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. * Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized Drivers and Standers Drivers, or making use of noises or noise making devices is prohibited. Trappers must also register at Building #7803 and use Self Clearing system.

Special federal regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued.

28. POINTE-AU-CHIEN (Owner: LDWF — 30,037 Acres. District 8.):

Morning hunting only (closed at noon) on ALL GAME, EXCEPT for DOVE hunting as specified below.

- Deer: Nov. 28-30 and Dec. 13-21 bucks only, EXCEPT no gun hunting allowed on Point Farm property (archery only).
- Archery: Oct. 1-Nov. 27, either sex.
- Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles prohibited during waterfowl and gun hunts for deer. Point Farm property, same as outside EXCEPT beagles prohibited during opening weekends of each dove season segment.
- Dove: Shooting hours same as outside season during opening weekends only of each season segment on Point Farms properties, otherwise morning hunting only.
- Migratory Game Birds: Same as outside.
- All Other Game: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only.

Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. prohibited in the Montegut and Grand Bayou marsh management units.

Vehicles prohibited on Point Farm properties unless authorized by LDWF.

All nighttime activities prohibited on area from 30 minutes after sundown to 1½ hours before sunrise.

29. POMME DE TERRE (Owner: LDWF — 7,064 Acres. District 6.):

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

30. RED RIVER (Owners: LDWF — 24,326 Acres; U.S. Corps of Engineers — 11,717 Acres. District 4.):

- Waterfowl: Portions of wma (Yahey Tract) restricted to pre-application lottery. Deadline for lottery application is Sept. 26, 1997. Contact District office for details. Waterfowl hunting only allowed during waterfowl season in this portion of the wma.
- Crawfish: Prohibited in wetland development area known as Yahey tract.
- Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

31. RUSSELL SAGE (Owner: LDWF — 17,280 Acres. District 2.):

Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited.

All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer gun hunting Nov. 28-29, either-sex; Nov. 22-26, Nov. 30, and Dec. 13- Jan. 1, bucks only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. ATVs prohibited.

32. SABINE (Owner: International Paper Company, Boise-Cascade Co., et al — 14,780 Acres. District 3.):

Gates to open during hunting season only.

33. SABINE ISLAND (Owner: State of Louisiana and Calcasieu Parish School Board — 8,103 Acres. District 5):

All seasons same as outside EXCEPT still hunting only. Hunting for waterfowl after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

34. SALVADOR/TIMKEN (Owner: LDWF — 30,600 Acres; Timken — Orleans City Park Improvement Association — 3,920 Acres. District 8.):

Morning Hunting Only (closed noon) on ALL game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging. Sportsmen may enter the area 1½ hours before sunrise and leave the area 30 minutes after sunset when traveling to or from hunting or fishing locations.

Area Closed: Oct 18-19 to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 18-19, either sex, no permit required, see Youth Deer Hunt regulations.

Deer: Nov. 28-30, either sex, no permit required.
Dec. 8-21, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 6-7, either sex.

Archery: Oct. 1- Dec. 5, either sex.

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT beagles prohibited during waterfowl and gun hunts for deer.

All Other Game: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only.

Migratory Game Birds: Same as outside. Steel shot required for Gallinule hunting.

Special Use Permits may be issued for persons interested in clearing existing ditches (trenches). Permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact New Orleans District Office-Fur and Refuge Division.

Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower rating above 25 h.p. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands ponds including the West Canal, lakes "Bale Des Chactas" and "Bale du Cabange" and the Rathborne Access ditch.

35. SANDY HOLLOW (Owner: LDWF — 679 Acres; Tangipahoa Parish School Board — 181 Acres. District 7.):

Dove: Same as outside EXCEPT Youth Hunt on North Tract during opening weekend of the first segment (Sept. 6-7). Hunt restricted to youths younger than 16 years of age and a supervising adult 18 years of age or older. Supervising adult must maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

Bird Dog Training: Sept. 8-Nov. 27 and Feb. 1-March 1. Restricted to that portion south of Hwy. 10 only. Blank pistols only. Use of pen-raised birds prohibited. Permit required from Baton Rouge District office.

Quail and Woodcock: Self-clearing daily permit required. Field trial permits required from District Office.

Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and during the spring turkey season except for permitted bird dog field trials. No horses on green planted areas.

No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots marked by two yellow painted rings on the nearest tree.

No motorized vehicles allowed off of designated roads (see WMA map.)

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

36. SHERBURNE (Owners: LDWF — 11,780 Acres; U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service — 15,220 Acres; U. S. Army Corps of Engineers — 15,690 Acres. District 6.):

Woodcock: Self-clearing daily permit required.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

Vehicular traffic prohibited on east Atchafalaya River Basin levee road within WMA boundaries.

Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only. Contact Hunter Education Office (504/765-2931). No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges.

Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge and U. S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to Sherburne have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

No commercial activity on Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, except trapping.

37. SICILY ISLAND HILLS (Owner: LDWF — 7,098 Acres. District 4.):

Firearms and any game harvested cannot be transported through the area except during the corresponding open season on area.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

38. SODA LAKE (Owner: Caddo Levee District — 1,300 Acres. District 1.):

Waterfowl Refuge: No hunting or trapping permitted. Sport fishing permitted Apr. 1-Aug. 31. All vehicular traffic restricted to improved roads. No ATVs or ATCs allowed. Access allowed from sunrise to sunset.)

39. SPRING BAYOU (Owner: LDWF — 12,078 Acres. District 6.):

Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas District Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Crawfish: 100 lbs. per person per day limit. Permit required from area supervisor.

Waterfowl: No hunting in refuge area during duck season.

No hunting allowed in headquarters area.

Only overnight campers allowed in the Improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and regulations posted at camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this camp site.

Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

40. THISTLETHWAITE (Owner: Thistlethwaite heirs — 11,100 Acres. District 6.):

No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA Map).

All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only.

All users must enter and leave through main gate only.

41. THREE RIVERS (Owners: LDWF — 23,222 Acres; U.S. Corps of Engineers — 1,085 Acres. District 4.):

Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area.

42. TUNICA HILLS (Owner: LDWF — 3,366 Acres. District 7.):

Small game hunting closed during muzzleloader season.

All deer killed must be reported at self-clearing permit station.

All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. ATV's restricted to designated trails. Refer to WMA map. ATV trails open Sept. 15-Feb. 1, closed remainder of year.

Camping prohibited on area.

43. UNION (Owner: Plum Creek Timber Corp., La. Dept. of Corrections, et al — 12,852 Acres. District 2):

All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

44. WEST BAY (Owners: Boise Cascade Co., Kirby Lumber Co., Quatre-Parish Co., et al — 62,115 Acres. District 5.):

Road Travel and Hunting Restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads.

Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicular travel.

45. WISNER (Owner: Edward Wisner Donation Advisory Committee — 21,621 Acres. District 8.):

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during waterfowl season.
Beagles permitted EXCEPT during waterfowl season.

Waterfowl & All Other Game: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunting only.

KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST

Except Vernon & Caney Ranger Districts

Deer:	Oct. 18-19	Either sex, muzzleloader
	Oct. 25	Either sex, still hunt only
	Oct. 26-Nov. 3	Bucks only, still hunt only
	Nov. 22-27	Bucks only, still hunt only
	Nov. 28	Either sex, still hunt only
	Nov. 29-30	Bucks only, still hunt only
	Dec. 6	Either sex, with or without dogs
	Dec. 7	Bucks only, with or without dogs
	Dec. 27-31	Bucks only, with or without dogs

Vernon Ranger District, Vernon Parish
excluding Fort Polk WMA

Deer:	Oct. 18-19	Either sex, muzzleloader
	Oct. 25	Either sex, still hunt only
	Oct. 26-Nov. 3	Bucks only, still hunt only
	Nov. 22-27	Bucks only, still hunt only
	Nov. 28	Either sex, still hunt only
	Nov. 29-30	Bucks only, still hunt only
	Dec. 6-7	Bucks only, still hunt only
	Dec. 27-31	Bucks only, still hunt only

Caney Ranger District, Webster and Claiborne parishes

Deer:	Oct. 18-24	Either sex, muzzleloader
	Oct. 25-Dec. 5	Bucks only, still hunt only
	Dec. 6-Jan. 4	Bucks only, still hunt only
	Jan. 5-11	Either sex, muzzleloader

**Consult pages 7 and 8 for either-sex dates in Webster and Claiborne parishes.*

All other game — same as outside.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters while hunting and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress.

Baiting is prohibited on National Forest Lands (hogs included), except by special permit issued by the U.S. Forest Service.

Moving deer or hogs with organized Drivers and Standers, Drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

NATIONAL CATAHOULA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE (Owner: Kisatchie National Forest — 36,000 acres in Grant and Winn parishes) Season Permit, additionally, daily permits required as indicated below:

Deer:	Oct. 11-12	Either-sex special youth hunt, daily permit. Also, either sex, special season for physically disabled hunters only, daily permit. Special permit must be obtained in advance from Forest Supervisor's Office.
	Oct. 18-19	Either sex, muzzleloader
	Oct. 25-26	Either sex, still hunt only, daily permit
	Nov. 28-30	Either sex, still hunt only, daily permit

All Other Game: Consult regulations pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

NATIONAL RED DIRT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE (Owner: Kisatchie National Forest — 38,000 acres in Natchitoches Parish) Season Permit, additionally, daily permits required as indicated below:

Deer:	Oct. 11-12	Either-sex special youth hunt, daily permit. Also, either sex, special season for physically disabled hunters only, daily permit. Special permit must be obtained in advance from Forest Supervisor's Office.
	Oct. 18-19	Either sex, muzzleloader
	Oct. 25-26	Either sex, still hunt only, daily permit
	Nov. 28-30	Either sex, still hunt only, daily permit

All Other Game: Consult regulations pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

To obtain permits and information contact: Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, LA 71360. Phone: (318) 473-7160. Office Hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

CORPS OF ENGINEERS — INDIAN BAYOU TRACT: Those lands acquired by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, formerly owned by the St. Landry Land and Lumber Company, comprising 15,006 acres, more or less, within T-7-S, R-6 & 7-E, St. Landry Parish.

Annual permit required for activities, including hunting, on Indian Bayou Tract. Permits may be obtained from Corps of Engineers headquarters, 426 Division Street, Krotz Springs LA 70750; call 318/566-3561.

All hunting shall be still hunting only, EXCEPT as otherwise specified:

Area closed Nov. 8-9 EXCEPT to youth and handicapped hunters.

Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunt:	Nov. 8-9, either sex. ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED. Self-clearing daily permit required.
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Deer:	Nov. 28-30, either sex. HUNT RESTRICTED TO THOSE PERSONS SELECTED AS A RESULT OF PRE-APPLICATION LOTTERY. Application deadline is Sept. 30, 1997. Dec. 6-7, either sex. Self-clearing daily permit required. Dec. 26-Jan. 4, bucks only. Self-clearing daily permit required.
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Muzzleloader: Nov. 15-21, either sex. Self-clearing daily permit required.
Jan. 26-Feb. 1, either sex. Self-clearing daily permit required.

Archery: Same as outside.

Squirrel/Rabbit: Same as outside, EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either-sex gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Feb. 2-28.
Dogs permitted for squirrels Jan. 5-25.

Waterfowl: Same as outside, EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either-sex gun hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Woodcock: Same as outside, EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either-sex gun hunts for deer

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Doves	Sept. 7 - Sept. 15 Oct. 19 - Nov. 8 Dec. 14 - Jan. 12	15	30
Snipe	Nov. 8 - Feb. 22	8	16
Woodcock	Dec. 18 - Jan. 31	3	6
Teal (Blue-winged, Green-winged, Cinnamon)	Sept. 20 - Sept. 28	4	8
King & Clapper Rails	Sept. 20 - Sept. 28 Nov. 8 - Jan. 7	15 in the aggregate	30
Sora & Virginia Rails	Sept. 20 - Sept. 28 Nov. 8 - Jan. 7	25 in the aggregate	25 in the aggregate
Gallinules	Sept. 20 - Sept. 28 Nov. 8 - Jan. 7	15	30

Shooting Hours

1. Teal, Rail, Gallinule, Snipe and Woodcock: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.
2. Dove: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset EXCEPT on Sept. 6-7, Oct. 18-19 and Dec. 20-21 when shooting hours will be noon to sunset.

1997-98 LICENSE FEES AND INFORMATION MANDATORY HUNTER SAFETY TRAINING

All persons born on or after September 1, 1969 must show proof of satisfactorily completing a Hunter Safety course approved by LDWF to purchase a Basic Hunting License.

RESIDENT HUNTING FEES	Prices
1. Basic Season (Excluding Big Game)	\$10.50
2. Big Game (Required of all Deer and Turkey hunters in addition to basic license)	\$10.50
3. Bow License	\$10.50
4. Muzzleloader License	\$10.50
5. Migratory Waterfowl Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp)	\$5.00
6. Universal License (Res. Fishing, Saltwater, Basic Hunting, Big Game, Bow, Muzzleloader)	\$53.00
7. Wild Louisiana Stamp	\$5.50
8. Louisiana Wild Turkey Stamp (Required of all Turkey hunters in addition to basic and big game licenses)	\$5.50
9. Wild Louisiana Stamp (1 Day)	\$2.00

NON-RESIDENT HUNTING FEES

1. Basic Season (Excluding Big Game)	\$86.00
2. 5-Day Trip (Excluding Big Game)	\$51.00
3. Non-Resident All Game (Basic Hunting and Big Game)	\$160.50
4. Non-Resident All Game-Trip (5 days) (Basic Hunting and Big Game)	\$95.50
5. Bow License	\$25.50
6. Muzzleloader License	\$25.50
7. Migratory Waterfowl Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp)	\$7.50
8. Non-Resident Migratory Game Bird (3-Day Trip)	\$45.50
9. Louisiana Wild Turkey Stamp (Required of all Turkey hunters in addition to basic and big game licenses)	\$10.50

LIFETIME LICENSE FEES

Effective Aug. 15, 1995, lifetime hunting and lifetime combination hunting & fishing licenses will include muzzleloader in addition to basic hunting, big game hunting and bow hunting. This change includes all current and future holders of lifetime licenses.

1. Resident Hunting; Age 14 and older	\$300.00
Under age 14	\$200.00
2. Resident Combination Hunting & Fishing; Age 14 and older	\$500.00
Under age 14	\$300.00
3. Resident Fishing; Age 14 and older	\$300.00
Under age 14	\$200.00
4. Non-Resident Hunting & Fishing	\$3,000.00

OTHER FEES

Commercial Hunting Preserve (pen-raised birds only); Expires June 30	\$200.00
Game Breeder (Raising and selling wild game birds and/or wild game quadrupeds); Expires December 31	\$25.00

EXCEPTIONS AND EXEMPTIONS

A. The following recreational fishermen and hunters are not required to obtain a basic recreational fishing license, saltwater license, basic hunting license, big game license or migratory waterfowl conservation stamp, but must have proof of age in their possession whenever fishing or hunting:

1. Residents 60 years of age or older
2. Residents & non-residents younger than 16 years of age

B. The following recreational fishermen and hunters, upon identification and proof of eligibility satisfactory to the department, shall be issued a basic recreational fishing license, saltwater license, basic hunting license and big game license without payment of any fees:

1. A resident who is a VETERAN of the armed forces or Louisiana National Guard, having a permanent SERVICE CONNECTED disability classification of fifty percent (50%) or more. Must submit form signed by parish service officer.
2. A resident who is blind, paraplegic or is a multiple amputee. Must submit doctor's statement.

C. Persons in the armed forces of the United States on active military duty and their resident dependents shall for licensing purposes, be given resident privileges.

D. No person born on or after Sept. 1, 1969, shall hunt with a firearm unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course taught or approved by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. However, a person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by and is under the direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older.

E. Any citizen of this state on active duty in the armed forces of the United States and who is assigned to an active duty post located outside the State of Louisiana shall not be required to obtain a license or pay a fee to hunt and fish while visiting in the state, provided that he has in his possession proper written evidence that his absence from his active duty assignment is authorized. This exemption shall not apply to the migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp. This includes all non-commercial hunting and fishing license and recreational gear licenses.

Map, Permit and Enforcement Information

For enforcement information on regulations call Region 1 at 318/371-3049; Region 2 at 318/343-2417; Region 3 at 318/487-5634; Region 4 at 318/757-3072; Region 5 at 318/491-2588; Region 6 at 318/948-0257; Region 7 at 504/765-2999; and Region 8 at 504/447-0821.

Requests for information on maps, permits and WMAs may be directed to any district office: District 1, P.O. Box 915, Minden LA 71055, phone 318/371-3050; District 2, 368 Century Park Drive, Monroe LA 71203, phone 318/343-4044; District 3, 1995 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville LA 71360, phone 318/487-5885; District 4, P.O. Box 426, Ferriday LA 71334, phone 318/757-4571; District 5, 1213 North Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles LA 70601, phone 318/491-2575; District 6, 105 Avenue of the Acadians, Opelousas LA 70570, phone 318/948-0255; or District 7, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge LA 70898-9000, phone 504/765-2360.

**LA. DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES
POSSESSION TAG FOR RESIDENT GAME**

No person shall give, put or leave resident game animals or birds at any place or with another person unless the resident game animals or birds or parts of the resident game animals or birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:

Hunter's Name _____
 Hunter's Address _____
 Basic Lic.# _____ Big Game Lic.# _____
 Date Taken _____ Parish Taken _____
 Species _____ No. _____ Sex of Deer: Buck _____ Doe _____

Tags shall be attached, secured to or enclosed with the part or parts. Failure to comply with tagging regulations may result in citations issued. Consult hunting regulations pamphlet (R.S. 56:124-125.)

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**LA. DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
POSSESSION TAG FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS**

No person shall give, put or leave any migratory birds at any place or with another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunters with the following information:

Hunter's Name _____
 Hunter's Address _____
 Date Birds Killed _____
 Hunter's Signature _____

Species	Number	Species	Number
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Failure to comply with tagging regulations may result in citations issued. Consult migratory bird hunting regulations pamphlet (50 CFR 20.36.)

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 Hunter's Signature _____

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DON'T LAY THAT TRASH ON LOUISIANA

Louisiana has gotten serious about litter. Under the state's new litter law, conviction can mean a fine of \$50 - \$200 on the

first offense and from \$350 - \$3,000 for subsequent offenses.

Discarding plastic litter in the marine environment can result in fines ranging up to \$50,000!

In addition, offenders can find their driver's license under suspension and be sentenced to perform community service.

Don't lay that trash on Louisiana! Keep your litter bagged or covered in your boat, truck or other vehicle. Don't discard litter in the woods. Deposit all litter in proper disposal receptacles.

Take pride in Louisiana. Help protect our natural resources and our economy.

For more information on litter control, contact the Office of Solid and Hazardous Waste, Solid Waste Division, P.O. Box 82178, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70884-2178; (504) 765-0249.

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PROPOSED HUNTS FOR 1997-98

CATAHOULA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Species: Squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and unmarked hog
 Type Hunt: Gun (.22 rifle or shotgun w/non-toxic shot)
 Season: First day of State season through October 31
 Bag Limit: State regulations
 Permits: Season permit and daily bag report
 Significant Changes: Change to season permit

Species: Deer and unmarked hog
 Type Hunt: Archery
 Season: State season
 Bag Limit: State regulations (either-sex)
 Permits: Season permit and daily bag report
 Significant Changes: Change to season permit
 Archery hunter certification required

SMALL GAME SEASON

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>
Days Open	25	27
Visits	256	392
Hours Hunted	808	1254
Squirrels	392	693
Rabbits	13	9
Raccoons	4	3
Hogs	1	6

ARCHERY DEER SEASON

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>
Days Open	88*	123
Visits	301	552
Hours Hunted	1390	2515
Deer	7	8
(Sex)	(5D, 2B)	(6D, 2B)
Cripples	3	4
Hogs	4	7

*Season reduced by 25 days due to government shutdowns

Eric Spier
 2/7/97

<u>No.</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Ave. wt.</u>	<u># Points</u>
1	1/2 yr	65 lbs	--
4	1 1/2 yr	115 lbs	BB, 4
2	2 1/2 yr	125 lbs	--
1	3 1/2 yr	125 lbs	--

NOTE: All ages and weights estimated by hunters on bag check cards

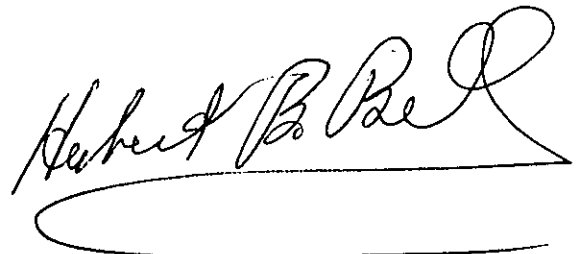
SABINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

1997-98 PROPOSED HUNTING REGULATIONS

Species: Teal (September Teal Hunt)
Type Hunt: General
Season: Mornings only on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday during State season for western zone
Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: Required
Significant Changes: None

Species: Waterfowl (Ducks, Coots and Geese)
Type Hunt: General
Season: Mornings only on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday during state season for western zone
Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: Required
Significant Changes: None

Species: Waterfowl (Ducks, Coots and Geese)
Type Hunt: Youth Hunt
Season: Same as State
Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: Required
Significant Changes: None

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BAYOU COCODRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
1997-98 PROPOSED HUNT SCHEDULE

SPECIES: Rabbit and Squirrel
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: Oct. 4 - Nov. 14, 1997 (w/o dogs)
Jan. 17 - Jan. 31, 1998 (w or w/o dogs)
Bag Limit: State Regulations
Permits: General Permit
Significant Changes: None

SPECIES: Deer (Either sex)
Type Hunt: Archery
Season: Nov. 15 - Dec. 1, 1997
Dec. 6 - Jan. 16, 1998
Bag Limit: State Regulations, Except 1 deer/day
Permits: General Permit
Significant Changes: None

SPECIES: Deer (Either sex)
Type Hunt: Muzzleloading
Season: Dec. 2 - 5, 1997
Bag Limit: State Regulations, Except 1 deer/day
Permits: General Permit
Significant Changes: None

SPECIES: Woodcock
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: Jan. 17 - Jan. 31, 1998
Bag Limit: Federal/State Regulations
Permits: General Permit
Significant Changes: None

Jerome Lord 2/7/98

CAMERON PRAIRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
1997 HUNT SEASON

Species:	Either-sex deer
Type hunt:	Archery
Season:	All dates of October
Bag limit:	State regulations
Permits:	Season permits required
Other requirements:	Must have proof of completion for the International Bowhunters Education Program.
Stands:	Only portable stands may be used And must be removed by October 31 of each year.
Firearms:	None are allowed
Check stations:	All deer harvested must be checked at a self-clearing check station.
Significant changes:	None

Paul J. Kysala
2-6-97

**D'ARBONNE AND UPPER OUACHITA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES
PROPOSED SEASONS, 1997-98**

Species: Waterfowl (ducks and coots)
 Type Hunt: General
 Season: Mornings only during State season
 Bag Limit: State regulations
 Permits: None required
 Significant Changes: **Expanded waterfowl hunting area to entire north unit of Upper Ouachita**

Species: Squirrel, rabbit, quail, woodcock, beaver, coyote and feral hog
 Type Hunt: General -- dogs allowed for squirrel and rabbit hunting after the last refuge deer gun season
 Season: State season
 Bag Limit: State regulations
 Permits: None required
 Significant Changes: **None**

Species: Raccoon and opossum (also beaver, coyote, and feral hog)
 Type Hunt: General
 Season: January only (may also take raccoons and opossum during rabbit season)
 Bag Limit: State regulations
 Permits: None required
 Significant Changes: **None**

Species: Either-sex deer, beaver, coyote and feral hog
 Type Hunt: Archery
 Season: State season
 Bag Limit: State regulations
 Permits: None required
 Significant Changes: **None** *Bow Hunting Course Required*

Species: Either-sex deer, beaver, coyote and feral hog
 Type Hunt: General (gun, archery)
 Season: Five days within the Union Parish either-sex season (November 1-2, November 28-30)
 Bag Limit: State regulations
 Permits: None required
 Significant Changes: **None**

Lee R. Fulton

Wayne M. Syron

LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
PROPOSED HUNT REGULATIONS FOR 1997/98 SEASON.

Migratory Game Birds

Species:	Waterfowl.
Type Hunt:	General gun.
Season:	Mornings until noon on Wednesday through Sunday during State duck seasons (including early teal) for western zone.
Bag Limit:	Same as state bag limits.
Permits:	Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and in hunter's possession.
Significant Changes:	None. However, one day youth hunt added last year will be continued if state chooses.

Hunting of geese, ducks and coots is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting is permitted Wednesday through Sunday.
2. Hunting ends at noon each day.
3. Hunters may not enter the hunting area before 4 am.
4. Hunting is not permitted within 50 yards of a canal or waterway.
5. Hunters must use and be in possession only of shells containing Federally approved non-toxic shot and firearms legal for hunting waterfowl.
6. Only portable blinds are permitted. Blinds must be spaced a minimum of 150 yards apart.
7. Decoys may not be set to attract waterfowl after noon each day.
8. Decoys and blinds must be removed from the refuge by the last day of each season and each split of a split season.
9. Hunting is not permitted during the goose-only portion of the waterfowl season.
10. Motorized boats may be used only in canals and bayous. Access into the marsh and ponds is permitted by walking, poling, paddling or rowing.
11. Hunters may scout in the hunting area from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset during the week prior to each season.

LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
PROPOSED HUNT REGULATIONS FOR 1997/98 SEASON

Big Game

Species:	Deer, either sex.
Type Hunt:	Archery.
Season:	October 1 through 31.
Bag Limit:	One deer of either sex per day.
Permits:	Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and in hunter's possession.
Significant Changes:	The newly aquired Cotoplot area will be added to the hunting area.

Hunting of white-tailed deer is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting is permitted from October 1 through October 31.
2. Only archery hunting is permitted.
3. Permanent deer stands not permitted. Portable stands must be removed by October 31.
4. No person may possess or distribute bait or hunt over bait.
5. No firearms allowed.
6. Hunters may scout from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset prior to the season.
7. All boats are prohibited in Lacassine Pool and Unit A after October 15. The following boat access restrictions apply: Lacassine Pool - boats with motors of 25 hsp. or less from Oct. 1 - 15; Unit A - boats without motors from Oct. 1 - 15; Canals and Bayous outside Lacassine Pool - no limitation on motors Oct. 1 - 31; and Marshes - boats without motors Oct. 1 - 31.

TENSAS RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
1997-98 PROPOSED HUNT SEASON

<u>SPECIES:</u>	Turkey
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	To be announced later
Bag Limit:	State Regulations (except 2 turkeys per season)
Permits:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None

<u>SPECIES:</u>	Squirrel and Rabbit (No Dogs)
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	Oct. 4-Dec. 12, 1997, Except closed during Youth Hunt and General Gun Hunts for Deer.
Bag Limit:	State Regulations
Permits:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None

<u>SPECIES:</u>	Squirrel and Rabbit (With or Without Dogs)
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	Dec. 15, 1997 -Jan. 18, 1998
Bag Limit:	State Regulations
Permits:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None

<u>SPECIES:</u>	Raccoon
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	Dec. 15, 1997-Jan. 18, 1998
Bag Limit:	No bag limit
Permits:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	Horses and mules allowed for raccoon hunting from sunset to sunrise. (significant but not a change)

<u>SPECIES:</u>	Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt:	Archery
Season:	Nov. 1, 1997-Jan. 31, 1998 (Closed during general deer Gun Hunts and Youth hunt)
Bag Limit:	State Regulations (except no firearms allowed and one deer per day)
Permits:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None

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<u>SPECIES:</u>	Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt:	Youth 8, 9
Season:	Nov. 15-16 , 1997
Bag Limit:	State Regulations (one deer per day)
Permits:	Season Permit on Brochure and youth hunters posses certification of completion of Hunter Safety Course.
Significant Changes:	None
 <u>SPECIES:</u>	 Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt:	General Gun - 1
Season:	Nov. 28-29, 1997
Bag Limit:	State Regulations (one deer per day)
Permits:	Limited Permit Hunt (Lottery)
Significant Changes:	None
 <u>SPECIES:</u>	 Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt:	General Gun - 2
Season:	Dec. 13-14, 1997
Bag Limit:	State Regulations (one deer per day)
Permits:	Limited Permit Hunt (Lottery)
Significant Changes:	None
 <u>SPECIES:</u>	 Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt:	Muzzleloader
Season:	<u>12/11 - 12/15</u>
Bag Limit:	State Regulations (one deer per day)
Permits:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None
 <u>SPECIES:</u>	 Waterfowl
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, until noon during state season.
Bag Limit:	State Regulations
Permits:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None
 <u>SPECIES:</u>	 Hogs
Type Hunt:	General Gun and Archery
Season:	<u>OPEN</u> during squirrel, rabbit, and archery season. <u>CLOSED</u> during general gun deer hunts, muzzleloader hunt, and turkey and raccoon hunts.
Bag Limit:	None
Permits:	Season Permit on Brochure

Woodcock

Dec 15 - Jan. 31, 1997

Significant Changes:

None

George Chan Ch

Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge Complex
Proposed Refuge Hunts for 1997-98

Species: Squirrel, rabbit, raccoon
Type Hunt: General gun, non-toxic shot
Season: October 4-31, 1997
Bag Limit: State regulations (no dogs)
Permits: General permit, hunter bag report required
Significant Changes: None

Species: Deer
Type Hunt: Archery (either sex)
Season: November 1, 1997 - January 31, 1998
(Closed during refuge muzzleloader, waterfowl, youth hunts)
Bag Limit: State regulations, one deer/day
Permits: General permit, hunter bag report required
Bowhunter education required
Significant Changes: Longer season

Species: Deer
Type Hunt: Muzzleloader
Season: *Either-sex* ~~Bucks only~~ - December 13-14, 1997
Either-sex - December 15-19, 1997
Bag Limit: State regulations, one deer/day
Permits: General permit, mandatory check station
Significant Changes: None

Species: Deer
Type Hunt: Youth (<16 years), shotgun only, either-sex
Season: December 6-7, 1997
Bag Limit: State regulations, one deer/day
Permits: General permit. Hunter safety course certification required
Significant Changes: Discontinued lottery, expanded hunt area

Species: Waterfowl (ducks and coots)
Type Hunt: General gun
Season: Dec 20, 1997 - end of State second split.
Hunt open until 12:00 noon, Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday
Bag Limit: State regulations
Permits: General permit, hunter bag report required
Significant Changes: None

*Entire 2nd split
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Don A. Smith

Proposed Hunt Dates: Bogue Chitto NWR (Louisiana) 1997-1998

Deer: Archery--October 1-31 and January 3-18 (either sex)
General Gun Hunt--November 22-27 (bucks only)
November 28 (either sex) ²⁹
November ~~24~~-30 (bucks only)
December 13-21 (bucks only)

Squirrel & Rabbit: October 4-January 18 (no dogs)

Squirrel: January 19-~~Feb~~ (with dogs) Feb. 8

Rabbit & Raccoon: January 19-February 28 (with dogs)

Turkey: State Season (gobblers only)

Waterfowl: State Season until noon.

Howard Portman

Proposed Hunt Dates: Big Branch Marsh NWR 1997-1998

Deer: Archery--State season

Waterfowl: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the state duck season, includes special teal hunt and youth waterfowl hunt.

Hogs: May be taken during all refuge hunts.

Proposed Hunt Dates: Delta NWR 1997-1998

Deer: Archery--October 1-31 (either sex)

Waterfowl: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the state duck seasons, includes special teal hunt and youth waterfowl hunt.

Rabbit: From the day after the state duck season closes through February 28.

Hogs: May be taken during the deer archery hunt.

Howard Portwood

State of Louisiana



James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
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(504)765-2800
4 February 1997

M.J. "Mike" Foster
Governor

MEMO

TO: Dave Moreland, Deer Study Leader
FROM: James C. Davis, Dist. 7 Game Biologist
RE: Avondale Scout Reservation Youth Hunt

Please consider asking the Commission to allow scheduling of the Camp Avondale Scout Reservation Youth Hunt for:

November 1-2, 1997 and
November 8-9-10, 1997.

Due to a heavy scheduling of other Scouting activities a prolonged hunting season is not possible. It is necessary to schedule a brief hunt during the peak of the rut in order to take the number of deer necessary to control the herd.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any problems please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James C. Davis".

James C. Davis



James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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Minden, LA 71055-0915
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M.J. "Mike" Foster
Governor

TO: Dave Morrison, Wildlife Division Programs Manager
FROM: Steve John Hebert, Wildlife Division District I Supervisor
DATE: February 3, 1997
TOPIC: Hunting Seasons for LAAP and Barksdale AFB

Due to an oversight on my part the recommended seasons for the Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant and Barksdale Air Force Base were left off my season recommendations for 1997-1998. Please accept my apologies for the error.

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE

Bossier City, Bossier Parish, Louisiana

Deer: Same as Area 2 season, ALL EITHER SEX. Hunting as permitted by Air Force Base Commander.

Small Game: Same as outside. Hunting as permitted by Air Force Base Commander.

LOUISIANA ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT

Webster Parish, Louisiana

Deer: Same as Area 2 season, ALL EITHER SEX. Hunting as permitted by Army.

Small Game: Same as outside. Hunting as permitted by Army.

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Bayou Colewa WMA

Doves: Same as outside

Quail and Woodcock: Same as outside

Rabbit and Squirrel: Same as outside

No vehicles allowed, including ATVs

HUTCHINSON CREEK WMA
PROPOSED REGULATIONS ~~1996/97~~

1997-98

Small Game and Turkey: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunting only for rabbits.

Deer: Archery only, Oct. 1-Jan. 31

State of Louisiana



James H. Jenkins, Jr.
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Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
1213 North Lakeshore Drive
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(318)491-2575

M.J. "Mike" Foster
Governor

February 27, 1997

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Dave Morrison

FROM: John B. Robinette, Dist. V Wildlife Supervisor *JBR*

SUBJECT: Hunting Seasons on Wal-Nut Hill and Marsh Bayou WMA's

Hunting Season's on Wal-Nut Hill and Marsh Bayou WMA's for 1997-98 will run concurrent with statewide hunting seasons in their portion of the state.

Post-it Fax Note	7671	Date	2/27/97	# of Pages	1
To	Dave Morrison		From	John B. Robinette	
Co./Dept	Dist. V Wildlife Supervisor		Co.		
Phone #	318-491-2575		Phone #		
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DATE: June 25, 1997

Message:

Please be advised that beginning with the opening of the 1997-98 deer season, the hunting of deer with dogs will be prohibited on all lands leased from T. L. James & Co., Inc. Cold trail dogs trailing wounded deer will be permitted as long as the dog is contained with some form of leash. This issue will be reflected in the new leases for the 1997-98 hunting lease.

I realize this is a sensitive issue with some members and some clubs, therefore I'm giving as much notice as possible in case someone no longer wants to hunt with us and would like to seek other places.

Several of the older clubs are attempting to get together on rules and regulations on the "Big Buck Program" on James's lands. Needless to say, we are behind this project and would like to see it put in place. We would appreciate any ideas any of you might have regarding the installation and governing of this program. I will keep you posted on future developments.

As always, we appreciate your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Travis Joiner", written over a circular scribble.

W. Travis Joiner
Manager Timber Operations

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T. L. JAMES & CO., INC.

TIMBER OPERATIONS

TO: 3 Sons Hunting Club
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Dough Hills Hunting Club
F & H Hunting Club
Firetower Hunting Club
Flat Creek Hunting Club
Guy Hunting Club
Hal-Mart Hunting Club
Happy Hollow Hunting Club
Hardshell Hunting Club
Hardtimes Hunting Club
Hillman Hunting Club
Indian Bluff Hunting Club
Jackson Hunting Club
Katy-Did Hunting Club
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Odom Creek Hunting Club Inc.
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Rock Hill Hunting Club
Sights Off Hunting Club
Squirrel Branch Hunting Club
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Terry Bennett Hunting Club
Watkins Hunting Club
White Ground Hunting Club

FROM: W. Travis Joiner

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 8, 1997

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, July 8, 1997.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Daniel J. Babin, Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the March 1997 Louisiana Register, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July hereby ratifies these regulations on open hunting season dates, bag limits, methods of taking, and rules and regulation on Department operated wildlife management areas for the period September 1, 1997 through August 31, 1998. Authority to establish regulation is vested in the Commission by §115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 1997-98 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23: (July 1997).

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 1997-98

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	Nov. 27-Feb. 28	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 4-Feb. 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 4-Feb. 8	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless (When Legal)	6

C. Deer Hunting Season Recommendations

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex)	Still Hunt	With or Without Dogs
1	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 15-Nov. 21 Jan. 26-Feb. 1	Nov.22-Dec. 5 Jan.10-Jan.25	Dec. 6-Dec.14 Dec. 20-Jan.9
2	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 18-Oct. 24 Jan. 5-Jan. 11	Oct. 25-Dec.5	Dec. 6-Jan. 4
3	Sept.20- Jan.20	Oct. 4-Oct. 10 Dec. 13-Dec. 19	Oct. 11-Dec.7 Dec. 20-Jan.4	
4	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 15-Nov. 21 Jan. 5-Jan. 11	Nov. 22-Jan.4	
5	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 15-Nov. 21 Jan. 5-Jan. 11 (Bucks Only)	Nov.22-Nov.30	
6	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 15-Nov. 21 Jan. 26-Feb. 1	Nov. 22-Dec.5	Dec. 6-Dec.14 Dec.20-Jan.25

7	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 4-Oct 10 Jan. 19-Jan. 25	Oct.11-Oct.26 Nov. 22-Dec.7	Dec.13-Jan.18
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D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Area	Basic Season Dates	Total Days	Exceptions (Those portions of the following parishes)
1	Nov.22-23, 28-30 Dec.6-7, 13-14	9	Nov.22-23, 28-30 (Franklin, Catahoula, LaSalle, Caldwell) Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7 (Avoyelles, Grant, Rapides)
2	Oct.25-26, Nov.1-2, 8-9, 28-30, Dec.6-7	11	Oct.25-26, Nov.28-30 (Caldwell, LaSalle) Oct.25-26, Nov.28-30, Dec.6-7 (Avoyelles)
3	Oct.11-12, 25-26, Nov.1-2, 8-9, 28-30	11	Oct.11-12, Nov.28-30, Dec.6-7 (St. Landry)
4	Nov.22-23, 28-30	5	Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7, 13-14 (East Carroll)
5	None		
6	Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7, 13-14	9	Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7 (Avoyelles, Rapides, St. Landry)
7	Oct.11-12, Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.13-14	9	

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Daniel J. Babin

Chairman

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Louisiana 1997 Duck Stamp by Rick Hall. The print depicts a pair of Ringnecks. Stamps are available at all license outlets. Prints are available through art dealers.

M.J. "Mike" Foster Jr.
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1997-98 HUNTING SEASONS

The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by Section 115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and are considered to be in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

~~The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Secretary, with concurrence from the Wildlife Division, is authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to amend or alter hunting seasons for sound biological reasons to properly manage wildlife resources.~~

Pursuant to Act 169 of the 1988 regular session of the Legislature, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds, and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds, and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

A HUNTER'S PLEDGE

Responsible hunting provides unique challenges and rewards. However, the future of the sport depends on each hunter's behavior and ethics. Therefore, as a hunter, I pledge to

- Respect the environment and wildlife.
- Respect property and landowners.
- Show consideration for non-hunters.
- Hunt safely.
- Know and obey the law.
- Support wildlife and habitat conservation.
- Pass on an ethical hunting conservation.
- Pass on an ethical hunting tradition.
- Strive to improve my outdoor skills and understanding of wildlife.
- Hunt only with ethical hunters.

By following these principles of conduct each time I go afield, I will give my best to the sport, the public, the environment and myself. The responsibility to hunt ethically is mine; the future of hunting depends on me.

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS*(Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset)*

Also consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on WMAs or specific localities.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Quail	Nov. 27-Feb. 28	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 4-Feb. 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 4-Feb. 8	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal)	6/season

DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	ARCHERY	MUZZLELOADER (All Either Sex)	STILL HUNT	WITH OR WITH OUT DOGS
1	Oct 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 15-21 Jan. 26-Feb. 1	Nov. 22-Dec. 5 Jan. 10-25	Dec. 6-14 Dec. 20-Jan. 9
2	Oct 1-Jan. 31	Oct 18-24 Jan. 5-11	Oct. 25-Dec. 5	Dec. 6-Jan. 4
3	Sept. 20-Jan. 20	Oct 4-10 Dec. 13-19	Oct. 11-Dec. 7 Dec. 20-Jan. 4	
4	Oct 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 15-21 Jan. 5-11	Nov. 22-Jan. 4	
5	Oct 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 15-21 Jan. 5-11 (bucks only)	Nov. 22-30	
6	Oct 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 15-21 Jan. 26-Feb. 1	Nov. 22-Dec. 5	Dec. 6-14 Dec. 20-Jan. 25
7	Oct 1-Jan. 31	Oct 4-10 Jan. 19-25	Oct. 11-26 Nov. 22-Dec. 7	Dec. 13-Jan. 18

Areas CLOSED to Either Sex Deer Hunting

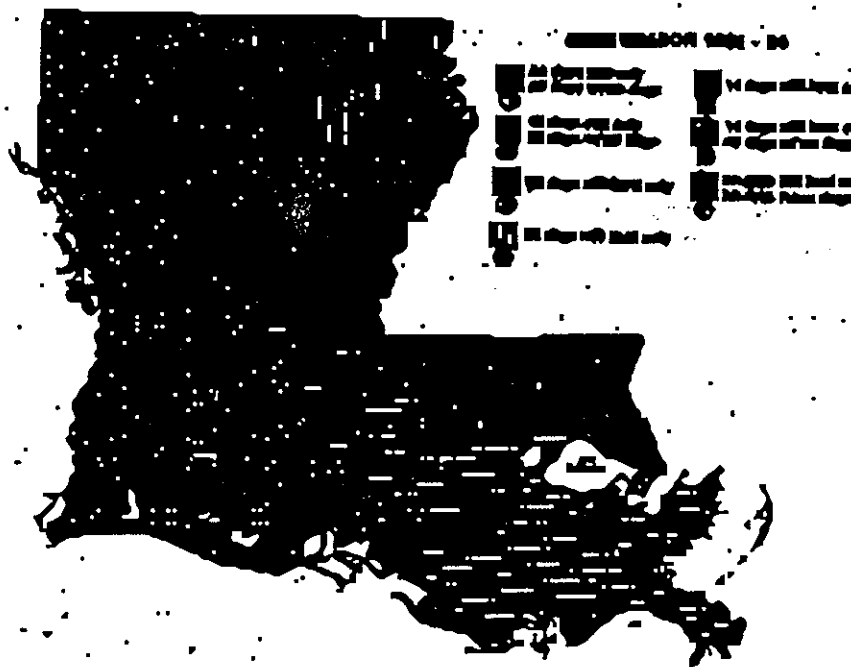
Parish	Portion Closed	Weapon Type (Archery, Muzzleloader, Modern Firearm)	Exceptions when antlerless deer may be taken
Caldwell	Entire Parish	All Weapon types	Private lands enrolled in DMAP may take antlerless deer and on Wildlife Management Areas
Catahoula	That portion of Representative District 20 designated as Precincts 1- 1, 1-2,2-1,2-2,3-1,3-2,4- 1,4-2,5-1,5-2,6-1, and 8-1	All Weapon types	Private lands enrolled in DMAP may take antlerless deer and on Wildlife Management Areas
Concordia	That portion of Representative District 20 designated as Precincts 5-3 and 5-4	All Weapon types	Private lands enrolled in DMAP may take antlerless deer and on Wildlife Management Areas
Franklin	Entire Parish	All Weapon types	Private lands enrolled in DMAP may take antlerless deer and on Wildlife Management Areas
Orleans	Entire parish	All Weapon types	None
West Carrol	Entire parish	Muzzleloader and modern firearms	Private lands enrolled in DMAP may take antlerless deer and on Wildlife Management Areas

(See Below for Closed Areas)

MODERN FIREARM EITHER SEX SEASONS

AREA	BASIC EITHER SEX SEASON DATES	EXCEPT (Either-sex days are as follows in portions of the parishes listed)
1	Nov. 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14	Franklin, Catahoula, LaSalle, Caldwell parishes either-sex dates are Nov. 22-23, 28-30 <i>only</i> . Avoyelles, Grant and Rapides parish either-sex dates are Nov. 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7 <i>only</i> .
2	Oct. 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 28-30, Dec. 6-7	Caldwell, LaSalle parishes either-sex dates are Oct. 25-26, Nov. 28-30 <i>only</i> . Avoyelles parish either-sex dates are Oct. 25- 26, Nov. 28-30, Dec. 6-7 <i>only</i> .
3	Oct. 11-12, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 28-30	St. Landry Parish either-sex dates are Oct. 11-12, Nov. 28-30, Dec. 6-7 <i>only</i> .
4	Nov. 22-23, 28-30	East Carroll Parish either-sex dates are Nov. 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14 <i>only</i> .
5	None	
6	Nov. 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14	Avoyelles, Rapides, St. Landry parishes either-sex dates are Nov. 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7 <i>only</i> .
7	Oct. 11-12, Nov. 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 13-14	None

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OTHER SEASONS DATES

TURKEY:

Please refer to separate pamphlet scheduled for publication in December 1997.

RACCOON AND OPOSSUM:

No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 rim-fire rifle. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 rim-fire, muzzleloader rifle .36 caliber or smaller or shotgun during daylight hours during the open rabbit season. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is one per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

BLACKBIRDS AND CROWS:

All blackbirds, cowbirds, grackles and crows are considered crop depredators in Louisiana and may therefore be taken year round during legal shooting hours with no limit. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

FALCONRY:	Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species <i>except</i> turkeys may be taken. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations EXCEPT squirrels may be taken by licensed falconers until Feb. 28.
LICENSED HUNTING PRESERVE:	Oct. 1-Apr. 30. Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season.
DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE:	Deer clubs enrolled in the voluntary program will be assessed a \$25 registration fee and .05/acre fee. Deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked to antlerless deer (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with bow and muzzleloader) through the ear or hock in a manner that it cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill. Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in immediate cancellation of the program on those lands involved.

HUNTING - GENERAL PROVISIONS

A basic resident or non-resident license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. *See information for exceptions.*

No person born on or after Sept. 1, 1969, shall hunt with a firearm unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course taught or approved by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. However, a person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by and is under the direct and immediate supervision of a person 18 years of age or older. For course information, call (504) 765-2932 or any district office.

A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer. A separate wild turkey stamp is required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

TAKING GAME QUADRUPEDS OR BIRDS from aircraft, with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

METHODS OF TAKING RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND QUADRUPEDS

Use of a longbow (including compound bow) and arrow and a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey and waterfowl. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle larger than a .22 caliber rimfire or a muzzleloader rifle larger than .36 caliber. During closed deer gun season, it shall be illegal to possess shotgun shells loaded with shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot while small game hunting.

Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced.

Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly.

Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

NUISANCE ANIMALS - Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means and EXCEPT that nutria and beaver can not be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required during open trapping season to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken.

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES - Louisiana Black Bear, Louisiana Pearlshell (mussel), Sea Turtles, Gopher Tortoise, Ringed Sawback Turtle, Brown Pelican, Bald Eagle, Peregrin Falcon, Whooping Crane, Eskimo Curlew, Piping Plover, Interior Least Tern, Ivory-billed Woodpecker, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Bachman's Warbler, West Indian Manatee, Florida Panther, Pallid Sturgeon, Gulf Sturgeon, Altwater's Greater Prairie Chicken, Whales, and Red Wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.

UNREGULATED QUADRUPEDS - Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to chase-only during still hunting segments of the firearm season for deer. **FOXES AND BOBCATS** are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" permitted by licensed hunters.

HUNTING AND/OR DISCHARGING FIREARMS ON PUBLIC ROADS - Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds with a gun during open season while on a public highway or public road right of way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. *Hunting from all public roads and rights of way is prohibited and these provisions will be strictly enforced.*

TAGS - Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, address and big game license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. Deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the ear or the hock of antlerless deer, (including those taken with bow and muzzleloader and those antlerless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before deer is moved from the site of the kill.

SEX IDENTIFICATION - Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head, shall remain on any deer taken or on all turkey taken during any special gobbler season (unless properly divided and tagged), so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is en route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

In addition to State regulations, the following Federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting and storing of migratory game birds:

RESTRICTIONS - No person shall take migratory game birds:

With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive or stupefying substance.

With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.

From a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).

From or with the aid of a car or other motor-driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegic and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body which involves both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.

From or by means of any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled, and its progress therefrom has ceased.

By the use or aid of live decoys. All live, tame or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such tame birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl.

Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls.

By driving, rallying or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sail boat to put them in the range of the hunter.

By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement, or on or over any baited area). Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation.

CLOSED SEASON - No person shall take migratory game birds during the closed season.

SHOOTING OR HAWKING HOURS - No person shall take migratory game birds except during the hours open to shooting and hawking as prescribed.

DAILY BAG LIMIT - No person shall take in any one day more than one daily bag limit.

FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT - No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

WANTON WASTE - All migratory game birds shall be retrieved, if possible, and retained in the custody of the hunter in the field.

TAGGING - No person shall give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:

1. The hunter's signature.
2. The hunter's address.
3. The total number of birds involved, by species.
4. The dates such birds were killed.

Tagging is required if the birds are being transported by another person for the hunter or if the birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment or taxidermy services.

POSSESSION OF LIVE BIRDS - Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.

DRESSING - No person shall completely field dress any migratory game bird (except doves and bandtailed pigeons) and then transport the bird from the field. The head or one fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all such birds while being transported from the field to one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility.

SHIPMENT - No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with: (a) the name and address of the person sending the birds, (b) the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent and (c) the number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

IMPORTATION - For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country, hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between a port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in a foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20.63), drawn and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING AND CONSERVATION STAMP (DUCK STAMP) - The law requires that each waterfowl hunter 16 years of age and older must carry on his person a valid Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (federal duck stamp) signed in ink across the face. Hunters younger than 16 may voluntarily purchase a duck stamp and help preserve wetlands for waterfowl. Louisiana law requires that persons between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive have a valid state duck stamp, signed in ink across the face, in possession while hunting ducks, geese and coots.

NONTOXIC SHOT REGULATIONS AND ZONE DESCRIPTIONS - No person shall take migratory game birds while possessing shot other than steel or other approved shot. This restriction applies only to ducks, geese, brant, swans and coots.

DUAL VIOLATION - Violation of State migratory bird regulations is also a violation of Federal regulations.

REFERENCE - Federal regulations related to migratory game birds are located in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

CAUTION - More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal regulations, contact U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Special Agent-In-Charge: Sidel (504) 257-7550; Denham Springs (504) 389-0360; Lafayette (318) 264-6630; Lake Charles (318) 437-7214; Monroe (318) 325-1735.

1997-98 GENERAL DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS

- A. One antlered and one antlerless (when legal) deer per day EXCEPT on Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.
- B. A legal buck is a deer with visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing bucks without at least one visible antler as described above and killing does is prohibited except where specifically permitted.
- C. Deer hunting restricted to legal bucks only, except where otherwise permitted.
- D. Either-sex deer is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.
- E. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber centerfire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or rifled slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.
- F. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting season. Deer hunting with dogs is permitted in all other areas having open deer seasons that

are not specifically designated as still hunting only. Use of dogs to trail wounded deer is expressly prohibited in still hunting areas.

G. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

H. Muzzleloader Segment: (Special license and muzzleloader firearms specifications apply only to the special state, WMA, National Forest and Preserves, and Federal Refuge seasons.) Still hunt only. See page 4 for specific hunting area dates. Specified WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Muzzleloader license required for hunters 16 years of age and older and less than 60 years of age. Either sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas EXCEPT Area 5 and as specified on Public Areas.

Legal Muzzleloader Firearms For Special Season: Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile, including sabot bullets only and be fitted only with iron sights or non-magnified scopes.

I. Archery Segment: Still hunting only; Oct. 1-Jan. 31 in all deer hunting areas, EXCEPT Area 3 where the season will be Sept. 20-Jan. 20. WMAs seasons are the same as outside except as noted below. Archery license required for bow hunters 16 and older and less than 60 years of age. Persons 60 years of age and older may use a crossbow without a special permit or license. Either sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting EXCEPT when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, archers must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Pass-a-Loutre and Point-au-Chien WMAs. (SEE SCHEDULE).

BOW AND ARROW REGULATIONS: Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened metal broadhead blades not less than 7/8 inch in width. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

IT IS UNLAWFUL:

1. To carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting with bow and arrow during the special bow and arrow deer season. EXCEPT, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).
2. To have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrows with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means except that hand held releases are lawful.
3. To hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds.

J. **HUNTER ORANGE:** Any person hunting deer shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "HUNTER ORANGE" during the open deer gun season. Persons hunting on privately owned, legally posted land may wear a cap or a hat that is completely covered with hunter orange material in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned and legally posted or to archery deer hunters hunting on legally posted lands where firearm hunting is not permitted by agreement of the landowner or lessee.

WARNING: DEER HUNTERS ARE CAUTIONED TO WATCH FOR PERSONS HUNTING OTHER GAME OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES NOT REQUIRING "HUNTER ORANGE".

K. SPECIAL HANDICAPPED EITHER-SEX DEER SEASON ON PRIVATE LAND: Oct. 11-12. Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.

DESCRIPTION OF AREAS

**AREA 1 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES.
SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Catahoula	Tensas	East Feliciana
Concordia	East Baton Rouge	St. Helena
Franklin	Madison	Washington

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Avoyelles - North of La. 1.

- Caldwell - East of U.S. 165.
- Grant - East of U.S. 165 and South of La. 8.
- LaSalle - Portion south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.
- Livingston - North of I-12.
- Rapides - North of Red River from Avoyelles Parish line northward to U.S. 165 in Alexandria, east of U.S. 165 from Alexandria northward to Grant Parish line.
- St. Tammany - All EXCEPT that portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchoufoune River, west of Tchoufoune River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.
- Tangipahoa - North of I-12.
- West Feliciana - All EXCEPT that portion known as Racconnet and Turnbull Island.

STILL HUNTING ONLY IN ALL OR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES:

- Avoyelles - That portion surrounding Pomme de Terra WMA, bounded on the north, east, and south by La. 451 and on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its junction at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville, southward to its juncture with La. 451.
- Catahoula - South of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to La. 8 at Harrisonburg, west of La. 8 to La. 913, west of La. 913 and La. 15 to Deer Creek.
- East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge - East of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi line to La. 10. North of La. 10 from Thompson Creek to La. 67 at Clinton, West of La. 67 from Clinton to Mississippi line. South of Mississippi line from La. 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of La. 67 from La. 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from La. 64 eastward to Amite River. West of Amite River southward to La. 64, north of La. 64 to La. 37 at Magnolia, east of La. 37 northward to La. 64 at Indian Mound, north of La. 64 from Indian Mound to La. 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of La. 67 from parish line north to La. 959, south of La. 959, east to La. 63, west of La. 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River, southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to La. 67.
- St. Helena - North of La. 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpellier, westward to La. 449, east and south of La. 449 from La. 16 at Pine Grove northward to La. 1045, south of La. 1045 from its junction with La. 449 eastward to the Tickfaw River, West of the Tickfaw River from La. 1045 southward to La. 16 at Montpellier.
- Washington and St. Tammany - East of La. 21 from the Mississippi line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi line, south of the Mississippi line from the Pearl River westward to La. 21. Also that portion of St. Tammany Parish north of La. 22 from U.S. 190 to La. 1077, east of La. 1077 northward to junction with U.S. 190, south and west of U.S. 190 from La. 1077 to junction with La. 22. Also, that portion of Washington Parish south of La. 10 from the Tchoufoune River, eastward to the Bogue Chitto River, west of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 10 southward to St. Tammany Parish.
- West Feliciana - West of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of U.S. 61 and La. 966, east of La. 966 from U.S. 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.
- Franklin - ALL.

**AREA 2 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES.
SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Bienville	DeSoto	Sabine
Bossier	Jackson	Union
Caddo	Lincoln	Webster
Calbome	Red River	Winn

EXCEPT: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations; see page 36. Caney, Comey, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as Area 2, EXCEPT still hunting only for deer, see page 37 and EXCEPT National Forest Land within the Kisatchie and Evangeline Ranger Districts described in Area 3 description ^{shall} maintain season dates and regulations as listed on page 36.

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

- Allen - North of U.S. 190 east of Reeves and east of La. 113.
- Avoyelles - That portion west of I-49.
- Beauregard - East of La. 113. Also, west of La. 27 north to DeRidder and south and east of U.S. 190 west of Deridder to Texas line.
- Calcasieu - West of La. 27 north of Sulphur and north of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.
- Caldwell - West of U.S. 165
- Evangeline - All EXCEPT the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.
- Grant - All EXCEPT the following portions: east of U.S. 165 from Rapides Parish line northward to La. 8 at Pollock, south and east of La. 8 from Pollock northward to Little River.
- Jefferson Davis - North of U.S. 190.
- LaSalle - All EXCEPT north of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.
- Morehouse - West of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, west of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, west and south of La. 593 to Collinston, west of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and north of La. 134 to Ouachita line.
- Natchitoches - All EXCEPT south of La. 134 and east of Mink-Hutton Road.
- Ouachita - All EXCEPT south of U. S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line.
- Rapides - All EXCEPT north of Red River from Avoyelles Parish line northward to U.S. 165 in Alexandria, east of U.S. 165 from Alexandria northward to Grant Parish line, north of La. 113 from the Vernon Parish line to the junction of La. 112 at Union Hill, west of La. 112 to the junction of La. 121 at Hineston, west of La. 121 to I-49, west of I-49 from La. 121 to La. 8, south of La. 8 from I-49 west to the Vernon Parish line, and portion south of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.
- Vernon - East and south of La. 113, north of La. 465 from Kurthwood to Mink-Hutton Road, west of Mink-Hutton Road from La. 465 to Natchitoches Parish line, west of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and north of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

STILL HUNTING ONLY IN ALL OR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES

Clalborne and Webster: Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest. (See Kisatchie National Forest Regulations).

Ouachita: East of Ouachita River.

Rapides: West of U. S. 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, west of I-49 southward to Parish Line, north of Parish Line westward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 northward to U.S. 167 at Alexandria.

**AREA 3 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES.
SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

All of Acadia, Cameron and Vermilion parishes are open.

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Allen - South of U.S. 190 and west of La. 113.

Beauregard - West of La. 113. ALSO east of La. 27 north to DeRidder and north and west of U.S. 190 west of DeRidder to Texas line.

Calcasieu - East of La. 27 north of Sulphur and south of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.

Iberia - West of U.S. 90 and north of La. 14.

Jefferson Davis - All EXCEPT north of U.S. 190.

Lafayette - West of I-49 and U.S. 90.

Natchitoches - south of La. 118 and east of Mink-Hutton Road.

Rapides - ~~South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill, and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon line.~~

St. Landry - West of U.S. 167.

Vernon - West and north of La. 113, east of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, south of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line, south of La. 465 from Kurthwood to Mink-Hutton Road, east of Mink-Hutton Road from La. 465 to Natchitoches Parish line.

Kisatchie National Forest lands within Area 3 shall be still hunting only EXCEPT National Forest land within the Kisatchie and Evangeline Ranger Districts ~~which~~ ^{shall} maintain season dates and regulations as listed on page 36.

**AREA 4 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES.
SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

All of East Carroll and Richland parishes are open.

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Morehouse - East of U. S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, south and east of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, east of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, east and north of La. 593 to Collinston, east of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and south of La. 134 to Ouachita line.

Ouachita - South of U. S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line.

North of La. 113 from the Vernon Parish line to the junction of La. 112 at Union Hill, west of La. 112 to the junction of La. 121 at Hinesboro, west of La. 121 to I-49, west of I-49 from La. 121 to La. 8, south of La. 8 from I-49 west to the Vernon Parish line.

**AREA 5 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES.
SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

ALL OF WEST CARROLL PARISH IS OPEN.

Muzzleloader hunting is either sex. All other deer hunting is for bucks only.

**AREA 6 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES.
SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

ALL OF ORLEANS PARISH IS CLOSED TO ALL FORMS OF DEER HUNTING

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Ascension	Plaquemines	St. John
Assumption	Pointe Coupee	St. Martin
Iberville	St. Bernard	Jefferson
St. Charles	Terrebonne	Lafourche
St. James	West Baton Rouge	

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Avoynes - South of La. 1 and also that portion east of I-49.

Evangeline - That portion east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

Iberia - East of U.S. 90.

Lafayette - East of I-49 and U.S. 90.

Livingston - South of I-12.

Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

St. Landry - East of U.S. 167.

St. Mary - North of U.S. 90.

St. Tammany - That portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchoufouct River, west of Tchoufouct River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

Tangipahoa - South of I-12.

West Feliciana - West of Mississippi River, known as Racourci and Turnbull Islands.

STILL HUNTING ONLY IN ALL OR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES

Plaquemines - East of the Mississippi River.

Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

St. Bernard - All of the parish shall be still hunting only EXCEPT that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre.

St. John - South of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to U.S. 51, east of U.S. 51 from Pass Manchac to La. 638 (Frenier Beach Road), North of La. 638 from U.S. 51 to Lake Pontchartrain. West of Lake Pontchartrain from La. 638 to Pass Manchac.

St. Landry - Those lands surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded north and east by La. 359, west by La. 10, and south by La. 103.

**AREA 7 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES.
SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Iberia and St. Mary Parishes - South of La. 14 and west U. S. Hwy. 90.

**1997-98
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS**

GENERAL

The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

Citizens are cautioned that by entering upon a WMA managed by the LDWF that they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

Wildlife management area seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the Department in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

Lands within WMA boundaries will have same seasons and regulations as the management area with which they are associated.

Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs except in designated locations is prohibited.

Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval.

Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (acorn, pecans, etc.) and wild plants is prohibited without prior approval.

Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day. Commercial operation must obtain permit from the District Office.

Nature trails - access to trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material prohibited.

Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

PERMITS

DAILY: Daily permits when required shall be obtained at permit stations on or near each WMA. Hunters may enter the area 1/2 hour before legal shooting time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must check out daily and exit the area 1/2 hour after legal shooting time.

SELF CLEARING PERMITS: On designated WMAs with Self Clearing requirements all hunters must check in daily by picking up a permit from a Self Clearing station. Upon completion of each daily hunt, the hunter must check out by completing the hunter report portion of the permit and depositing it in the check out box at a Self Clearing station before exiting the WMA.

WILD LOUISIANA STAMP: Persons using WMA's or other department administered lands for non-consumptive purposes, such as camping, shooting on rifle ranges, berry picking, hiking, photography, bird-watching and the like, shall be required to possess one of the following: a Wild Louisiana stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement.

SPECIAL SEASONS

YOUTH DEER HUNT: Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. All other seasons are closed EXCEPT special seasons. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. Adult may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Contact the appropriate district office for special check station locations when daily permits are required and maps of specific hunting area. Either-sex deer may be taken on the following WMAs during the dates specified: Oct. 18-19 on Boise Vernon, Georgia Pacific, Jackson-Blenville (portion), Ouachita, Sabine, Salvador/Timken and West Bay; Nov. 8-9 on Boeuf, Loggy Bayou, Pearl River (self-clearing permit required), Red River, Dewey Wills, Sherburne and Spring Bayou; Nov. 1-2 and Nov. 8-9 on Bens Creek (self-clearing permit required). Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves will have a Youth Deer Hunt on Oct. 11-12.

HANDICAPPED SEASON: For handicapped hunters only, Oct. 18-19, West Bay and a portion of Jackson-Blenville; Bens Creek Nov. 1-2 (self-clearing permit required) and Bens Creek Nov. 8-9 (self-clearing permit required), Sherburne and a portion of Dewey Wills. Participants must apply for and receive a permit in advance from any District Office. Contact District Office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves will have a Handicapped Deer Hunt on Oct. 11-12.

LOTTERY HUNTS, DEER: Bayou Macon, Buckhorn, Sherburne, Thistlethwaite WMAs. Hunt restricted to those persons selected as a result of the preapplication Lottery. Deadline for application is Sept. 30, 1997. A \$5 non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Contact district offices for applications. Hunters on Bayou Macon must check in to have permit validated at Hwy. 2 Permit Station. Hunters on all four areas must check their deer out at a check station.

LOTTERY HUNTS, TURKEY: Hunts on Dewey Wills, Georgia Pacific, Loggy Bayou, Tunica Hills, Sicily Island Hills, and Sherburne WMAs restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Deadline for applications is Jan. 31, 1998. All turkeys must be checked in at self-clearing station. Contact District Offices for more details. Consult separate Turkey Hunting Regulations pamphlet for more details.

TRAPPING: Permits to take fur bearers from WMAs may be obtained at district offices when required. Consult 1997-98 Trapping Regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. On WMAs where permits are required each trapper must submit an annual trapping report to the District Office where his permit was obtained. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of trapping privileges on the WMAs. Permits may be obtained only between hours of 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on normal working days at district offices. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress.

RACCOON HUNTING: NIGHTTIME EXPERIMENTAL — Raccoon hunters with dogs must submit an annual report of their kill to the district office for WMAs where permits are required. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of hunting privileges on WMAs. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person, during daylight hours only, during the open squirrel season on WMAs EXCEPT Pass-a-Loutre, Point-au-Chien and Salvador/Timken. Raccoon bag limit is one per person per night for raccoon hunters on WMAs except as otherwise specified. Permits, when required, may be obtained at district offices only between hours of 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on normal working days.

COMMERCIAL FISHING: Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines permitted on Dewey Wills WMA north of La. 28 in diversion canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl season on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-Au-Chien WMAs EXCEPT shrimp allowed on Pointe-Au-Chien only in Cut Off Canal during daytime and nighttime, and trawling allowed in Wonder Lake during daytime only. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges.

SPORT FISHING: Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are permitted on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations EXCEPT nighttime frogging prohibited on Salvador/Timken and Pointe-Au-Chien.

ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT LANDS: The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Small tracts are located in Rapides, Vernon, West Carroll, Evangeline and St. Helena parishes. These small tracts have been acquired from the Farmers Home Administration or other sources for conservation purposes. The following hunting seasons are applicable to these tracts EXCEPT for Elbow Slough in Rapides parish. Contact the appropriate Wildlife and Fisheries District Office for specific information and any additional season dates.

Doves: Same as outside, EXCEPT open first split only and EXCEPT steel shot required on Elbow Slough.

Quail and Woodcock: Same as outside.

Rabbit and Squirrel: Same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 19-Feb. 28.

FIREARMS

Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs and ATCs on WMAs. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas.

Firearms and bows and arrows are not permitted on WMAs during closed seasons EXCEPT on designated shooting ranges. Bows and broadhead arrows are not permitted on WMAs EXCEPT during regular archery season, turkey season or EXCEPT as permitted for bowfishing.

Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists.

Loaded firearms are not permitted near WMA check stations.

Center-fire rifles and handguns, arms larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs, or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot cannot be carried onto any WMA EXCEPT during deer season.

Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

Discharging of firearms on or hunting from improved roads or their rights-of-way is prohibited.

METHODS OF TAKING GAME

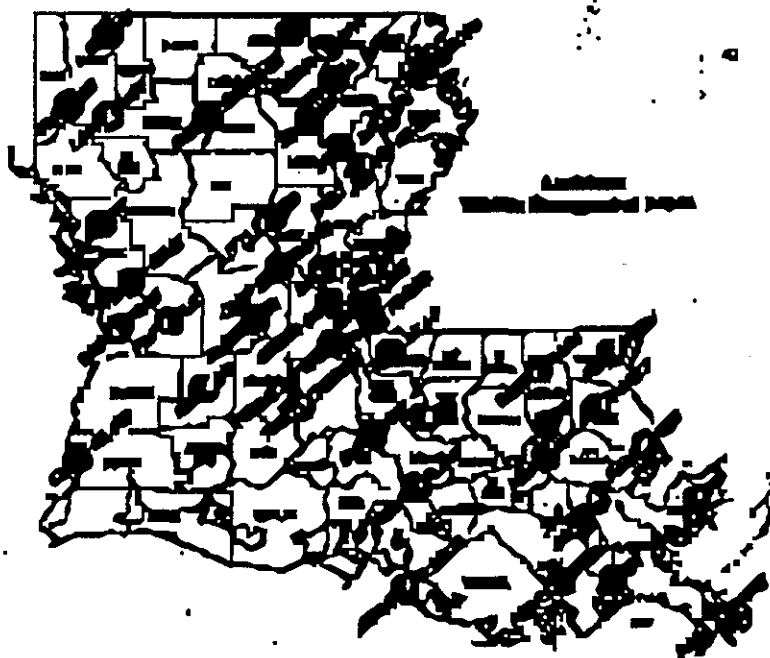
Moving Deer or Hogs on a WMA with organized Drivers and Standers, Drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

Baiting or hunting over bait is prohibited on all WMAs (hogs included). Unmarked hogs may be taken on some WMAs but only during prescribed seasons and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. Proper licenses and permits are required for hunting the game species for which the area is open at the time.

Hunters who kill deer on WMAs that require daily permits must have deer checked at the check station on same day of kill.

Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only. No WMA will be open for deer during early still hunt season unless specified in the regulation pamphlet.

Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed.



A permanent stand is any stand which is not removed from the WMA or dismantled within one hour after the close of legal shooting hours. Stands removed from trees or laid on the ground are considered dismantled. All stands must be removed from the WMA one week after the close of deer season.

A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within one hour after the close of legal shooting hours. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal, poles, wire, mesh, webbing, or any materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within one hour of the close of legal shooting hours. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily.

It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are also prohibited.

Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and disposed of by the Department. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

Hunters shall not hunt, take or pursue game birds or animals from moving vehicles on any WMA.

Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMA's.

The use of horses and mules is prohibited for hunting or trapping on WMAs EXCEPT for quail hunting or EXCEPT as otherwise specified. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer EXCEPT as permitted for bird dog field trials on Sandy Hollow WMA.

All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters (including archers and small game hunters) on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" during open gun season for deer. Quail and woodcock hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. ALSO all non-hunters afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

ARCHERY SEASON FOR DEER: The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open to either sex deer EXCEPT as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Pointe-au-Chien and Salvador WMAs, and closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or handicapped hunters are in progress.

Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

MUZZLELOADER SEASON FOR DEER: See WMA deer schedule.

CAMPING

Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreation vehicles and tents, is permitted only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs EXCEPT on stream banks adjacent to Department-owned designated camping areas.

On Atchafalaya Delta WMA, camp boats may be moored in specially designated areas throughout the waterfowl season until the close of rabbit season. On Pass-a-Loutre WMA, camp boats may be moored in specially designated areas during waterfowl season only. At all other times of the year, mooring period limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. Permits are required for overnight mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Areas. Permits may be obtained from headquarters on respective WMAs or from the New Iberia office (318) 373-0032 for Atchafalaya Delta WMA.

No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.

Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area.

Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations.

Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation.

Swimming prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

RESTRICTED AREAS

For your safety ALL oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

No unauthorized entry or hunting in restricted areas or refuges.

DOGS

EXCEPT for bird hunting and duck hunting, all use of dogs on WMAs is EXPERIMENTAL as required by law. EXCEPT for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting and bird dog training when allowed, having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be held liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are permitted for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons.

VEHICLES

Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to ground) are prohibited.

The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within wildlife management areas due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

Tractor or implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles.

Airboats, aircraft and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs.

Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

Motorized vehicles, including ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads and trails. WMA maps available at all district offices. This restriction does not apply to bicycles.

Use of special ATV trails for handicapped persons restricted to special ATV handicapped permittees. Handicapped ATV permittees restricted to handicapped ATV trails or other ATV trails only (See WMA Map). Persons 70 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also permitted to use special handicapped trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails.

Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition or construction.

ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT on designated camping areas. All trails and roads designated as ATV only shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through June 1. ATV off-road travel is prohibited.

CAUTION: Many Department-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads.

**1997-98 SEASON
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS
BASIC SEASON DATES**

RESIDENT SMALL GAME (SQUIRREL, RABBIT, AND QUAIL)

Same as outside except closed during modern firearm either-sex deer seasons. Quail season closes Jan. 31 on Sandy Hollow. All small game hunting closed on Tunica Hills during the muzzleloader season. Consult the following tables and WMA regulations for any other specific details. Also see pages 30-35 for Atchafalaya Delta, Pass a Loutre, Pointe au Chien, and Salvador/Timken.

WATERFOWL (DUCKS, GEESE, AND COOTS)

Same as outside except closed during modern firearm either-sex deer seasons and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Consult the following tables and WMA regulations for any other specific details, including Lottery Waterfowl Hunt requirements for Red River WMA. Also see pages 30-35 for Atchafalaya Delta, Pass a Loutre, Pointe au Chien, and Salvador/Timken for further restrictions.

MIGRATORY BIRDS (DOVE, WOODCOCK, SNIPE, RAIL, AND GALLINULE)

Same as outside except closed during modern firearm either-sex deer seasons and no hunting on unharvested agricultural fields. Consult the following tables and WMA regulations for any other specific details, including lottery waterfowl hunt requirements on Red River WMA. Also see text for Atchafalaya Delta, Pass a Loutre, Pointe au Chien, Salvador/Timken, Sherburne, and Sandy Hollow.

ARCHERY

Same as outside EXCEPT as noted in the schedule. Also see pages 30-35 for Atchafalaya Delta, Pass a Loutre, Pointe au Chien, and Salvador/Timken.

HOGS

Hogs may be taken during any legal hunting season on designated WMAs by properly licensed hunters. On Dewey Wills WMA, consult the specific area for that portion of the WMA that allows hog hunting.

**SPECIAL SEASONS ON
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS**

WMA	SQUIRREL (with dogs)	RABBIT (with dogs)	HOGS	YOUTH HUNTS (see p. 18)	HANDICAPPED HUNTS (see p. 18)	RACCOON
Alexander State Forest	none	none	no	none	none	none
Atchafalaya Delta	none	see p. ?	no	none	none	none
Attakapas	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	none	none	none
Bayou Pierre	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	none	none	none
Bayou Macon	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	none	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1 (no limit)
Bens Creek	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	Nov. 1-2, Nov. 8-9	Nov. 1-2, Nov. 8-9	Jan. 19- Feb. 1 (no limit)

WMA	SQUIRREL (with dogs)	RABBIT (with dogs)	HOGS	YOUTH HUNTS (see p. 18)	HANDICAPPED HUNTS (see p. 18)	RACCOON
Big Lake	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	none	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Biloxi	none	see p. 30	no	none	none	none
Bodcau	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	none	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1 (no limit)
Boeuf	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	Nov. 8-9	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Boise- Vernon	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	Oct. 18-19	none	none
Buckhorn	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	none	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Camp Beauregard	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	none	none	none
Dewey Wills	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	Nov. 8-9	Nov. 8-9	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Fort Polk	none	none	yes	none	none	none
Georgia Pacific	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	none	no	Oct. 18-19	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Grassy Lake	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	none	none	none
Jackson Bienville	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	Oct. 18-19	Oct. 18-19	Jan. 19- Feb. 1 (no limit)
Joyce	none	none	no	none	none	none
Lake Ramsey	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	none	none	none
Little River	Jan. 5- Feb. 8	none	no	none	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Loggy Bayou	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	Nov. 8-9	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1 (no limit)
Manchac	none	none	yes	none	none	none
Ouachita	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	Oct. 18-19	none	Oct. 1-16 (chase only) Jan. 19- Feb. 1 (no limit)
Pass-a- Loutre	none	see p. ?	yes	none	none	none
Pearl River	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	Nov. 8-9	none	Oct. 4-19, (chase only) Jan. 19- Feb. 1 (no limit)
Peason Ridge	Jan. 5- Feb. 8	none	yes	none	none	none
Pointe au Chien	none	see p. ?	no	none	none	none

WMA	SQUIRREL (with dogs)	RABBIT (with dogs)	HOGS	YOUTH HUNTS (see p. 18)	HANDICAPPED HUNTS (see p. 18)	RACCOON
Pomme de Terre	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	none	none	none
Red River	none	none	yes	Nov. 8-9	none	none
Russell Sage	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	none	none	Oct. 1-16, (chase only) Jan. 19- Feb. 1 (no limit)
Sabine	Jan. 5- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	Oct. 18-19	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Sabine Island	Jan. 5- Feb. 8	none	no	none	none	none
Salvador/ Timken	none	see p. ?	no	Oct. 18-19	none	none
Sandy Hollow	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	see p.	none	none
Sherburne	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	Nov. 8-9	Nov. 8-9	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Sicity Island Hills	none	none	yes	none	none	none
Spring Bayou	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	Nov. 8-9	none	none
Thistle- thwaite	none	none	yes	none	none	none
Three Rivers	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	none	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Tunica Hills	none	none	no	none	none	none
Union	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	none	none	none
West Bay	Jan. 5- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	Oct. 18-19	Oct. 18-19	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Wisner	none	see p. ?	no	none	none	none

WMA	DEER EITHER SEX	PERMIT TYPE*	BUCKS ONLY	PERMIT TYPE*	MUZZLELOADER EITHER SEX	PERMIT TYPE*
Alexander State Forest			Nov. 28-30	0	Nov. 1-2, Nov. 8-9	1
Achafalaya Delta		see page ? for details				
Attakapas	Nov. 28-30	0	Dec. 20-Jan. 4	0	Jan. 5-11	0
Bayou Macon	Nov. 22-23	1 & 2			Dec. 4-5	3
Bens Creek	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 13-Jan. 4	3	Dec. 6-12 Jan. 5-18	3
Big Lake	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 27-Jan. 4	0	Dec. 4-5	0
Bodcau	Oct. 25-26 Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 28-30, Dec. 6-7	0	Oct. 27-31 Nov. 3-7, 10-27 Dec. 1-5	0		
Boeuf	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 27-Jan. 4	0	Dec. 4-5	0
Boise- Vernon	Oct. 25-26 Nov. 28-30	1 3	Dec. 27-Jan. 4 Oct. 27-Nov. 26	0	Dec. 1-7	0
Buckhorn	Nov. 28-29	2	Dec. 27-Jan. 4	0	Dec. 4-5	0
Camp Beauregard			Dec. 27-Jan. 4	3	Dec. 3-5	3

WMA DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

Permit Types:

- 0 — no permit required
 1 — daily permit issued day of hunt
 2 — pre-application lottery
 3 — self-clearing permit required daily
 Valid hunting license required on all WMAs

WMA	DEER EITHER SEX	PERMIT TYPE*	BUCKS ONLY	PERMIT TYPE*	MUZZLELOADER EITHER SEX	PERMIT TYPE*
Dewey Wills	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 27-Jan. 4	0	Dec. 3-5	0
Fort Polk	Nov. 28-30 Dec. 20-21	1 3	Oct. 25-Nov. 26 Dec. 22-Jan. 4	3 3	Dec. 6-7	3
Georgia Pacific	Nov. 28-30	1	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	3	Dec. 1-7	3
Grassy Lake	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 26-Jan. 4	0	Jan. 5-11	0
Jackson Bienville	Oct. 25-26 Nov. 1-2 and 8-9 Nov. 28-30 Dec. 6-7	1 3 3 3	Nov. 22-27 Dec. 20-Jan. 4	3 3		
Joyce	Nov. 22-23, 28-30 Dec. 6-7, 13-14	0 0	Nov. 22-Dec. 14 Dec. 29-Jan. 25	0	Nov. 15-21 Jan. 26-Feb. 1	0
Lake Ramsey						
Little River						
Loggy Bayou	Nov. 28-30	1	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	0	Dec. 6-7	0
Ouachita	Nov. 28-30	1	Dec. 20-Jan. 4	3	Dec. 1-7	0
Pass-a-Loutre	see page 7 for details					
Pearl River	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 13-Jan. 4	0 0	Dec. 6-12 Jan. 5-18	0 0

Permit Types:

- 0 — no permit required
 1 — daily permit issued day of hunt
 2 — pre-application lottery
 3 — self-clearing permit required daily
Valid hunting license required on all WMAs

WMA DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

Nov 24-27,
 Dec 1-5,
 Dec 3-12

WMA	DEER EITHER SEX	PERMIT TYPE*	BUCKS ONLY	PERMIT TYPE*	MUZZLELOADER EITHER SEX	PERMIT TYPE*
Peason Ridge	Nov. 28-30 Dec. 20-21	3 3	Oct. 25-Nov. 26 Dec. 22-Jan. 4	3 3	Dec. 6-7	3
Point au Chien see page ? for details						
Pomme de Terre	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 26-Jan. 4	0 0		
Red River	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 27-Jan. 4	0 0	Dec. 4-5	0
Russell Sage	Nov. 28-30	1	Dec. 20-Jan. 4	3	Dec. 1-7	3
Sabine	Oct. 25-26 Nov. 28-30	3 3	Oct. 27-Nov. 26	0		
Sabine Island	Oct. 25-26 Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 28-30 Dec. 6-7	0	Same as Area 2	0	Oct. 18-24 Jan. 5-11	0
Salvador/ Timken	see page ? for details					
Sandy Hollow	Nov. 28-29	3	Nov. 30 Dec. 13-Jan. 4	3 3	Dec. 6-12 Jan. 5-18	3 3
Sherburne	Nov. 28-30 Dec. 6-7	2 3	Dec. 26-Jan. 4	0	Jan. 5-11	0

Permit Types:

- 0 — no permit required
 - 1 — daily permit issued day of hunt
 - 2 — pre-application lottery
 - 3 — self-clearing permit required daily
- Valid hunting license required on all WMAs*

WMA DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

WMA	DEER EITHER SEX	PERMIT TYPE	BUCKS ONLY	PERMIT TYPE	MUZZLELOADER EITHER SEX	PERMIT TYPE
Sicily Island Hills	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 27-Jan. 4	0	Dec. 4-5	0
Spring Bayou	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 26-Jan. 4	0	Jan. 5-11	0
Thistlethwaite	Nov. 28-30	2	Dec. 1-14	0	Jan. 5-11	0
Three Rivers	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 27-Jan. 4	0	Dec. 4-5	0
Tunica Hills					Nov. 15-Dec. 7	3
Union	Oct. 25-26 Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 28-30	1				
West Bay	Oct. 25-26 Nov. 28-30	1 3	Oct. 27-Nov. 26	0	Dec. 1-7	0

Permit Types:

- 0 — no permit required
 - 1 — daily permit issued day of hunt
 - 2 — pre-application lottery
 - 3 — self-clearing permit required daily
- Valid hunting license required on all WMAs*

WMA DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

**1997-98 SEASON
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS HUNTING SCHEDULE**
See charts on pages ?? for Special Seasons.
See charts on pages ?? for Deer Season.

1. ALEXANDER STATE FOREST (Owner: Office of Forestry, DNR — 8,092 Acres. District 3.):

Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads.
No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges.
No open fires EXCEPT in recreation areas.

2. ATCHAFALAYA DELTA (Owner: State of Louisiana — 137,000 Acres. District 6.):

Deer: (Archery Only)	Oct. 1-Oct. 31. Main Delta only (Wax Lake Delta Closed). No hunting in restricted areas. Special permit required from Atchafalaya Delta headquarters.
Migratory Game Birds:	Same as outside EXCEPT shooting hours shall be 1/2 hour before sunrise to noon during opening weekends of teal and duck seasons and 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset the remainder of the season.
Rabbit:	Nov. 1-Feb. 28. Beagles permitted when waterfowl season is closed. No hunting in restricted areas.

3. ATTAKAPAS (Owner: State of Louisiana — 26,300 Acres. District 6.):

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

4. BAYOU MACON (Owner: LDWF — 6,940 Acres. District 2.)

All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

5. BAYOU PIERRE (Owner: LDWF — 1,400 Acres. District 1):

Waterfowl:	Entire area CLOSED to waterfowl hunting. Waterfowl Refuge closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping. Refuge marked with "Waterfowl Refuge" signs.
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All vehicles restricted to parish roads.

6. BENS CREEK (Owner: Cavenham Forest Industries Inc. — 13,500 acres. District 7):

All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads.
Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads.

No hunting in restricted areas. (See WMA Map).

Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and during the spring turkey season.

No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots marked by two yellow painted rings on the nearest tree.

7. BIG LAKE (Owner: LDWF — 19,221 Acres. District 4.):

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

8. BILOXI (Owner: Biloxi Marsh Land Corporation — 39,583 Acres. District 7.)

Rabbit:	Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only during duck season.
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Migratory Game Birds:	Same as outside.
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9. BODCAU (Owner: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers — 32,471 Acres. District 1.):

10. BOEUF (Owner: LDWF — 48,504 Acres. District 4.)

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

11. BOISE-VERNON (Owner: Boise-Cascade Company — 54,269 Acres. District 5.):
Road travel and hunting restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicle travel.

12. BUCKHORN (Owner: LDWF — 8,955 Acres. District 4.):

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

13. CAMP BEAUREGARD (Owner: Louisiana National Guard — 10,000 acres. District 3.)

SELF CLEARING PERMIT STATIONS AND MILITARY PERMIT.

Daily military clearance required for all recreational users.

Registration for use of Self Clearing permit required once per year at Range Central Building, telephone 318/641-3355, 318/641-3365 or LDWF, District III office, telephone 318/487-5885. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

14. DEWEY W. WILLS (Owner: LDWF — 60,276 Acres. District 3.):

Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters in fenced-in areas south and east of Hwy. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited in areas south and east of Hwy. 28.

Free-ranging livestock EXCEPT hogs prohibited in fenced-in areas north of Hwy. 28.

Roads may be closed during periods of flooding.

15. FORT POLK (Owner: U.S. Army and U.S. Forest Service — 109,855 Acres. District 5.):

Daily military clearance required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7803, North Fort Polk, telephone (318) 531-5715 or (318) 531-5255. Either-sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. * Moving Deer or Hogs on a WMA with organized Drivers and Standers, Drivers or making use of noises or noise-making Devices is prohibited. Trappers must also register at Building #7803 and use Self Clearing system. Special regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued.

Special archery regulations for Cantonment Areas, check locally at Building #7803. Either-sex deer legal Oct. 1-Jan. 31. Remainder of WMA restricted to bucks only when bucks-only gun season is in progress.

Fishing: Special regulations to apply on Alligator and Bonner Lakes. Regulations are posted at entrance to lake.

16. GEORGIA-PACIFIC (Owner: Georgia-Pacific Corporation — 25,480 Acres. District 2.):

All nighttime activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

17. GRASSY LAKE (Owner: LDWF — 13,297 Acres. District 6.):

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

18. JACKSON-BJENVILLE (Owner: Willamette Industries, et al — 32,000 Acres. District 1.):

ATVs/ATCs are allowed on non-public maintained gravel roads. Check Information booths or daily permit stations to view marked maps. ATVs/ATCs are NOT allowed from March 1 through June 1.

19. JOYCE (Owner: LDWF — 15,609 acres. District 7.):

Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms allowed with in 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walk way at your own risk.

20. LAKE RAMSAY (Owner: LDWF — 800 Acres. District 7.):

Foot traffic only - all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

21. LITTLE RIVER (Owner: LDWF — 2,944 Acres. District 3.):

Roads may be closed during wet conditions.

22. LOGGY BAYOU (Owner: LDWF — 4,213 Acres. District 1.)

Self Clearing Permit required for all persons hunting on Loggy Bayou EXCEPT when Daily Permits are required during the either-sex gun hunts for deer. Daily Permits will be available only from the check station at the camp ground.

23. MANCHAC (Owner: LDWF — 8,325 Acres. District 7.):

Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

24. QUACHITA (Owner: LDWF — 8,745 Acres. District 2.):

Waterfowl Refuge: North of La. Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during waterfowl season.

Crawfish: April 1-May 31, 100 lbs. per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight.

Commercial Fishing: Closed.

All nighttime activities are prohibited except as otherwise provided.

25. PASS-A-LOUTRE (Owner: LDWF — 66,000 Acres. District 8.):

Migratory Game Birds: Same as outside.

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan 31. Special permit required from Pass-a-Loutre headquarters.

Rabbit: Same as outside. Beagles permitted when waterfowl and archery season are closed.

Commercial Mullet Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT Sept. 1-Jan. 31, commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay and Northshore Bay, oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA map.

26. PEARL RIVER (Owner: LDWF — 34,896 Acres. District 7.):

All roads closed 8 p.m.- 4:30 a.m. to all vehicles.
Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, La., reaches 16.5 feet.

Hogs: Must be reported at self-clearing check stations.

No Hunting in the vicinity of Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs.

Rifle range open 12-4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a \$5 fee.

27. PEASON RIDGE (Owner: U.S. Army — 33,488 Acres. District 5.):

Daily military clearance required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7803, North Fort Polk, telephone 318/531-5715 or 318/531-5255. Either-sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. * Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized Drivers and Standers Drivers, or making use of noises or noise making-devices is prohibited. Trappers must also register at Building #7803 and use Self Clearing system.

Special federal regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued.

28. POINTE-AU-CHIEN (Owner: LDWF — 30,037 Acres. District 8.):

Morning hunting only (closed at noon) on ALL GAME, EXCEPT for DOVE hunting as specified below.

- Deer: Nov. 28-30 and Dec. 13-21 bucks only, EXCEPT no gun hunting allowed on Point Farm property (archery only).
- Archery: Oct. 1-Nov. 27, either sex.
- Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles prohibited during waterfowl and gun hunts for deer. Point Farm property, same as outside EXCEPT beagles prohibited during opening weekends of each dove season segment.
- Dove: Shooting hours same as outside season during opening weekends only of each season segment on Point Farms properties, otherwise morning hunting only.
- Migratory Game Birds: Same as outside.
- All Other Game: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only.

Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. prohibited in the Montegut and Grand Bayou marsh management units.

Vehicles prohibited on Point Farm properties unless authorized by LDWF.

All nighttime activities prohibited on area from 30 minutes after sundown to 1 1/2 hours before sunrise.

29. POMME DE TERRE (Owner: LDWF — 7,064 Acres. District 6.):

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

30. RED RIVER (Owners: LDWF — 24,326 Acres; U.S. Corps of Engineers — 11,717 Acres. District 4.):

- Waterfowl: Portions of wma (Yaakey Tract) restricted to pre-application lottery. Deadline for lottery application is Sept. 26, 1997. Contact District office for details. Waterfowl hunting only allowed during waterfowl season in this portion of the wma.
- Crawfish: Prohibited in wetland development area known as Yaakey tract.
- Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

31. RUSSELL SAGE (Owner: LDWF — 17,280 Acres. District 2.):

Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited.

All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer gun hunting Nov. 28-29, either sex; Nov. 22-26, Nov. 30, and Dec. 13- Jan. 1, bucks only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. ATVs prohibited.

32. SABINE (Owner: International Paper Company, Boise-Cascade Co., et al — 14,780 Acres. District 3.):

Gates to open during hunting season only.

33. SABINE ISLAND (Owner: State of Louisiana and Calcasieu Parish School Board — 8,103 Acres. District 5):

All seasons same as outside EXCEPT still hunting only. Hunting for waterfowl after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

34. SALVADOR/TIMKEN (Owner: LDWF — 30,600 Acres; Timken — Orleans City Park Improvement Association — 3,920 Acres. District 8.):

Morning Hunting Only (closed noon) on ALL game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging. Sportsmen may enter the area 1½ hours before sunrise and leave the area 30 minutes after sunset when traveling to or from hunting or fishing locations.

Area Closed: Oct 18-19 to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 18-19, either sex, no permit required, see Youth Deer Hunt regulations.

Deer: Nov. 28-30, either sex, no permit required.
Dec. 8-21, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 6-7, either sex.

Archery: Oct. 1- Dec. 5, either sex.

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT beagles prohibited during waterfowl and gun hunts for deer.

All Other Game: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only.

Migratory Game Birds: Same as outside. Steel shot required for Gallinule hunting.

Special Use Permits may be issued for persons interested in clearing existing ditches (trenasses). Permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact New Orleans District Office-Fur and Refuge Division.

Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower rating above 25 h.p. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands ponds including the West Canal, lakes "Bale Des Chactas" and "Bale du Cabange" and the Rathborne Access ditch.

35. SANDY HOLLOW (Owner: LDWF — 679 Acres; Tangipahoa Parish School Board — 181 Acres. District 7.):

Dove: Same as outside EXCEPT Youth Hunt on North Tract during opening weekend of the first segment (Sept. 6-7). Hunt restricted to youths younger than 16 years of age and a supervising adult 18 years of age or older. Supervising adult must maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

Bird Dog Training: Sept. 8-Nov. 27 and Feb. 1-March 1. Restricted to that portion south of Hwy. 10 only. Blank pistols only. Use of pen-raised birds prohibited. Permit required from Baton Rouge District office.

Quail and Woodcock: Self-clearing daily permit required [Field trial permits required from District Office]

Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and during the spring turkey season except for permitted bird dog field trials. ~~No horses on green planted areas.~~

No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots marked by two yellow painted rings on the nearest tree.

No motorized vehicles allowed off of designated roads (see WMA map.)

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

36. SHERBURNE (Owners: LDWF — 11,780 Acres; U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service — 15,220 Acres; U. S. Army Corps of Engineers — 15,690 Acres. District 6.):

Woodcock: Self-clearing dally permit required.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

Vehicular traffic prohibited on east Atchafalaya River Basin levee road within WMA boundaries.

Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only. Contact Hunter Education Office (504/765-2931). No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges.

Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge and U. S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to Sherburne have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

No commercial activity on Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, except trapping.

37. SICILY ISLAND HILLS (Owner: LDWF — 7,098 Acres. District 4.):

Firearms and any game harvested cannot be transported through the area except during the corresponding open season on area.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

38. SODA LAKE (Owner: Caddo Levee District — 1,300 Acres. District 1.):

Waterfowl Refuge: No hunting or trapping permitted. Sport fishing permitted Apr. 1-Aug. 31. All vehicular traffic restricted to improved roads. No ATVs or ATCs allowed. Access allowed from sunrise to sunset.)

39. SPRING BAYOU (Owner: LDWF — 12,078 Acres. District 6.):

Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas District Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Crawfish: 100 lbs. per person per day limit. Permit required from area supervisor.

Waterfowl: No hunting in refuge area during duck season.

No hunting allowed in headquarters area.

Only overnight campers allowed in the Improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and regulations posted at camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this camp site.

Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

40. THISTLETHWAITE (Owner: Thistlethwaite heirs — 11,100 Acres. District 6.):

No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA Map).

All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only.

All users must enter and leave through main gate only.

41. THREE RIVERS (Owners: LDWF — 23,222 Acres; U.S. Corps of Engineers — 1,085 Acres. District 4.):

Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area.

42. TUNICA HILLS (Owner: LDWF — 3,366 Acres. District 7.):

Small game hunting closed during muzzleloader season.

All deer killed must be reported at self-clearing permit station.

All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. ATV's restricted to designated trails. Refer to WMA map. ATV trails open Sept. 15-Feb. 1, closed remainder of year.

Camping prohibited on area.

43. UNION (Owner: Plum Creek Timber Corp., La. Dept. of Corrections, et al — 12,852 Acres. District 2):

All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

44. WEST BAY (Owners: Boise Cascade Co., Kirby Lumber Co., Quatre-Parish Co., et al — 62,115 Acres. District 5.):

Road Travel and Hunting Restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads.

Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicular travel.

45. WISNER (Owner: Edward Wisner Donation Advisory Committee — 21,621 Acres. District 8.):

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during waterfowl season.
Beagles permitted EXCEPT during waterfowl season.

Waterfowl &
All Other
Game: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunting only.

KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST Except Vernon & Caney Ranger Districts

Deer:	Oct. 18-19	Either sex, muzzleloader
	Oct. 25	Either sex, still hunt only
	Oct. 26-Nov. 3	Bucks only, still hunt only
	Nov. 22-27	Bucks only, still hunt only
	Nov. 28	Either sex, still hunt only
	Nov. 29-30	Bucks only, still hunt only
	Dec. 6	Either sex, with or without dogs
	Dec. 7	Bucks only, with or without dogs
	Dec. 27-31	Bucks only, with or without dogs

Vernon Ranger District, Vernon Parish excluding Fort Polk WMA

Deer:	Oct. 18-19	Either sex, muzzleloader
	Oct. 25	Either sex, still hunt only
	Oct. 26-Nov. 3	Bucks only, still hunt only
	Nov. 22-27	Bucks only, still hunt only
	Nov. 28	Either sex, still hunt only
	Nov. 29-30	Bucks only, still hunt only
	Dec. 6-7	Bucks only, still hunt only
	Dec. 27-31	Bucks only, still hunt only

Caney Ranger District, Webster and Claiborne parishes

Deer:	Oct. 18-24	Either sex, muzzleloader
	Oct. 25-Dec. 5	Bucks only, still hunt only
	Dec. 6-Jan. 4	Bucks only, still hunt only
	Jan. 5-11	Either sex, muzzleloader

**Consult pages 7 and 8 for either-sex dates in Webster and Claiborne parishes.*

All other game — same as outside.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters while hunting and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress.

Baiting is prohibited on National Forest Lands (hogs included), except by special permit issued by the U.S. Forest Service.

Moving deer or hogs with organized Drivers and Standers, Drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

NATIONAL CATAHOULA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE (Owner: Kisatchie National Forest — 36,000 acres in Grant and Winn parishes) Season Permit, additionally, daily permits required as indicated below:

Deer:	Oct. 11-12	Either-sex special youth hunt, daily permit. Also, either sex, special season for physically disabled hunters only, daily permit. Special permit must be obtained in advance from Forest Supervisor's Office.
	Oct. 18-19	Either sex, muzzleloader
	Oct. 25-26	Either sex, still hunt only, daily permit
	Nov. 28-30	Either sex, still hunt only, daily permit

All Other Game: Consult regulations pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

NATIONAL RED DIRT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE (Owner: Kisatchie National Forest — 38,000 acres in Natchitoches Parish) Season Permit, additionally, daily permits required as indicated below:

Deer:	Oct. 11-12	Either-sex special youth hunt, daily permit. Also, either sex, special season for physically disabled hunters only, daily permit. Special permit must be obtained in advance from Forest Supervisor's Office.
	Oct. 18-19	Either sex, muzzleloader
	Oct. 25-26	Either sex, still hunt only, daily permit
	Nov. 28-30	Either sex, still hunt only, daily permit

All Other Game: Consult regulations pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.
To obtain permits and information contact: Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, LA 71360. Phone: (318) 473-7160. Office Hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

CORPS OF ENGINEERS — INDIAN BAYOU TRACT: Those lands acquired by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, formerly owned by the St. Landry Land and Lumber Company, comprising 15,006 acres, more or less, within T-7-S, R-6 & 7-E, St. Landry Parish.

Annual permit required for activities, including hunting, on Indian Bayou Tract. Permits may be obtained from Corps of Engineers headquarters, 426 Division Street, Krotz Springs LA 70750; call 318/566-3561.

All hunting shall be still hunting only, EXCEPT as otherwise specified:

Area closed Nov. 8-9 EXCEPT to youth and handicapped hunters.

Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunt:	Nov. 8-9, either sex. ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED. Self-clearing daily permit required.
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Deer:	Nov. 28-30, either sex. HUNT RESTRICTED TO THOSE PERSONS SELECTED AS A RESULT OF PRE-APPLICATION LOTTERY. Application deadline is Sept. 30, 1997. Dec. 6-7, either sex. Self-clearing daily permit required. Dec. 26-Jan. 4, bucks only. Self-clearing daily permit required.
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Muzzleloader: Nov. 15-21, either sex. Self-clearing daily permit required.
Jan. 26-Feb. 1, either sex. Self-clearing daily permit required.

Archery: Same as outside.

Squirrel/Rabbit: Same as outside, EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either-sex gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Feb. 2-28.
Dogs permitted for squirrels Jan. 5-25.

Waterfowl: Same as outside, EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either-sex gun hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Woodcock: Same as outside, EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either-sex gun hunts for deer

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Doves	Sept. 7 - Sept. 15	15	30
	Oct. 19 - Nov. 8		
	Dec. 14 - Jan. 12		
Snipe	Nov. 8 - Feb. 22	8	16
Woodcock	Dec. 18 - Jan. 31	3	6
Teal (Blue-winged, Green-winged, Cinnamon)	Sept. 20 - Sept. 28	4	8
King & Clapper Rails	Sept. 20 - Sept. 28 Nov. 8 - Jan. 7	15 in the aggregate	30
Sora & Virginia Rails	Sept. 20 - Sept. 28 Nov. 8 - Jan. 7	25 in the aggregate	25 in the aggregate
Gallinules	Sept. 20 - Sept. 28 Nov. 8 - Jan. 7	15	30

Shooting Hours

1. Teal, Rail, Gallinule, Snipe and Woodcock: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.
2. Dove: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset EXCEPT on Sept. 6-7, Oct. 18-19 and Dec. 20-21 when shooting hours will be noon to sunset.

1997-98 LICENSE FEES AND INFORMATION MANDATORY HUNTER SAFETY TRAINING

All persons born on or after September 1, 1969 must show proof of satisfactorily completing a Hunter Safety course approved by LDWF to purchase a Basic Hunting License.

RESIDENT HUNTING FEES	<u>Prices</u>
1. Basic Season (Excluding Big Game)	\$10.50
2. Big Game (Required of all Deer and Turkey hunters in addition to basic license)	\$10.50
3. Bow License	\$10.50
4. Muzzleloader License	\$10.50
5. Migratory Waterfowl Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp)	\$5.00
6. Universal License (Res. Fishing, Saltwater, Basic Hunting, Big Game, Bow, Muzzleloader)	\$53.00
7. Wild Louisiana Stamp	\$5.50
8. Louisiana Wild Turkey Stamp (Required of all Turkey hunters in addition to basic and big game licenses)	\$5.50
9. Wild Louisiana Stamp (1 Day)	\$2.00

NON-RESIDENT HUNTING FEES

1. Basic Season (Excluding Big Game)	\$86.00
2. 5-Day Trip (Excluding Big Game)	\$51.00
3. Non-Resident All Game (Basic Hunting and Big Game)	\$160.50
4. Non-Resident All Game-Trip (5 days) (Basic Hunting and Big Game)	\$95.50
5. Bow License	\$25.50
6. Muzzleloader License	\$25.50
7. Migratory Waterfowl Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp)	\$7.50
8. Non-Resident Migratory Game Bird (3-Day Trip)	\$45.50
9. Louisiana Wild Turkey Stamp (Required of all Turkey hunters in addition to basic and big game licenses)	\$10.50

LIFETIME LICENSE FEES

Effective Aug. 15, 1995, lifetime hunting and lifetime combination hunting & fishing licenses will include muzzleloader in addition to basic hunting, big game hunting and bow hunting. This change includes all current and future holders of lifetime licenses.

1. Resident Hunting; Age 14 and older	\$300.00
Under age 14	\$200.00
2. Resident Combination Hunting & Fishing; Age 14 and older	\$500.00
Under age 14	\$300.00
3. Resident Fishing; Age 14 and older	\$300.00
Under age 14	\$200.00
4. Non-Resident Hunting & Fishing	\$3,000.00

OTHER FEES

Commercial Hunting Preserve (pen-raised birds only); Expires

June 30\$200.00

Game Breeder (Raising and selling wild game birds and/or wild

game quadrupeds); Expires December 31\$25.00

EXCEPTIONS AND EXEMPTIONS

A. The following recreational fishermen and hunters are not required to obtain a basic recreational fishing license, saltwater license, basic hunting license, big game license or migratory waterfowl conservation stamp, but must have proof of age in their possession whenever fishing or hunting:

1. Residents 60 years of age or older
2. Residents & non-residents younger than 16 years of age

B. The following recreational fishermen and hunters, upon identification and proof of eligibility satisfactory to the department, shall be issued a basic recreational fishing license, saltwater license, basic hunting license and big game license without payment of any fees:

1. A resident who is a VETERAN of the armed forces or Louisiana National Guard, having a permanent SERVICE CONNECTED disability classification of fifty percent (50%) or more. Must submit form signed by parish service officer.
2. A resident who is blind, paraplegic or is a multiple amputee. Must submit doctor's statement.

C. Persons in the armed forces of the United States on active military duty and their resident dependents shall for licensing purposes, be given resident privileges.

D. No person born on or after Sept. 1, 1969, shall hunt with a firearm unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course taught or approved by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. However, a person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by and is under the direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older.

E. Any citizen of this state on active duty in the armed forces of the United States and who is assigned to an active duty post located outside the State of Louisiana shall not be required to obtain a license or pay a fee to hunt and fish while visiting in the state, provided that he has in his possession proper written evidence that his absence from his active duty assignment is authorized. This exemption shall not apply to the migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp. This includes all non-commercial hunting and fishing license and recreational gear licenses.

Map, Permit and Enforcement Information

For enforcement information on regulations call Region 1 at 318/371-3049; Region 2 at 318/343-2417; Region 3 at 318/487-5634; Region 4 at 318/757-3072; Region 5 at 318/491-2588; Region 6 at 318/948-0257; Region 7 at 504/765-2999; and Region 8 at 504/447-0821.

Requests for information on maps, permits and WMAs may be directed to any district office: District 1, P.O. Box 915, Minden LA 71055, phone 318/371-3050; District 2, 368 Century Park Drive, Monroe LA 71203, phone 318/343-4044; District 3, 1995 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville LA 71360, phone 318/487-5885; District 4, P.O. Box 426, Ferriday LA 71334, phone 318/757-4571; District 5, 1213 North Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles LA 70601, phone 318/491-2575; District 6, 105 Avenue of the Acadians, Opelousas LA 70570, phone 318/948-0255; or District 7, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge LA 70898-9000, phone 504/765-2360.

**LA. DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES
POSSESSION TAG FOR RESIDENT GAME**

No person shall give, put or leave resident game animals or birds at any place or with another person unless the resident game animals or birds or parts of the resident game animals or birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:

Hunter's Name _____
 Hunter's Address _____
 Basic Lic.# _____ Big Game Lic.# _____
 Date Taken _____ Parish Taken _____
 Species _____ No. _____ Sex of Deer: Buck _____ Doe _____

Tags shall be attached, secured to or enclosed with the part or parts. Failure to comply with tagging regulations may result in citations issued. Consult hunting regulations pamphlet (R.S. 56:124-125.)

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**LA. DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
POSSESSION TAG FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS**

No person shall give, put or leave any migratory birds at any place or with another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunters with the following information:

Hunter's Name _____
 Hunter's Address _____
 Date Birds Killed _____
 Hunter's Signature _____

Species	Number	Species	Number
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Failure to comply with tagging regulations may result in citations issued. Consult migratory bird hunting regulations pamphlet (50 CFR 20.36.)

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 Date Birds Killed _____
 Hunter's Signature _____

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Hunter's Name _____
 Hunter's Address _____
 Date Birds Killed _____
 Hunter's Signature _____

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DON'T LAY THAT TRASH ON LOUISIANA

Louisiana has gotten serious about litter. Under the state's new litter law, conviction can mean a fine of \$50 - \$200 on the

first offense and from \$350 - \$3,000 for subsequent offenses.

Discarding plastic litter in the marine environment can result in fines ranging up to \$50,000!

In addition, offenders can find their driver's license under suspension and be sentenced to perform community service.

Don't lay that trash on Louisiana! Keep you litter bagged or covered in your boat, truck or other vehicle. Don't discard litter in the woods. Deposit all litter in proper disposal receptacles.

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For more information on litter control, contact the Office of Solid and Hazardous Waste, Solid Waste Division, P.O. Box 82178, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70884-2178; (504) 765-0249.

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PROPOSED HUNTS FOR 1997-98

CATAHOULA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Species: Squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and unmarked hog
 Type Hunt: Gun (.22 rifle or shotgun w/non-toxic shot)
 Season: First day of State season through October 31
 Bag Limit: State regulations
 Permits: Season permit and daily bag report
 Significant Changes: Change to season permit

Species: Deer and unmarked hog
 Type Hunt: Archery
 Season: State season
 Bag Limit: State regulations (either-sex)
 Permits: Season permit and daily bag report
 Significant Changes: Change to season permit
 Archery hunter certification required

SMALL GAME SEASON

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>
Days Open	25	27
Visits	256	392
Hours Hunted	808	1254
Squirrels	392	693
Rabbits	13	9
Raccoons	4	3
Hogs	1	6

ARCHERY DEER SEASON

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>
Days Open	88*	123
Visits	301	552
Hours Hunted	1390	2515
Deer	7	8
(Sex)	(5D, 2B)	(6D, 2B)
Cripples	3	4
Hogs	4	7

*Season reduced by 25 days due to government shutdowns

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<u>No.</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Ave. wt.</u>	<u># Points</u>
1	1/2 yr	65 lbs	--
4	1 1/2 yr	115 lbs	BB, 4
2	2 1/2 yr	125 lbs	--
1	3 1/2 yr	125 lbs	--

NOTE: All ages and weights estimated by hunters on bag check cards

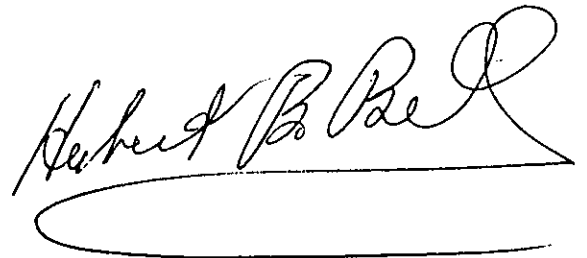
SABINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

1997-98 PROPOSED HUNTING REGULATIONS

Species: Teal (September Teal Hunt)
Type Hunt: General
Season: Mornings only on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday during State season for western zone
Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: Required
Significant Changes: None

Species: Waterfowl (Ducks, Coots and Geese)
Type Hunt: General
Season: Mornings only on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday during state season for western zone
Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: Required
Significant Changes: None

Species: Waterfowl (Ducks, Coots and Geese)
Type Hunt: Youth Hunt
Season: Same as State
Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: Required
Significant Changes: None

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BAYOU COCODRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

1997-98 PROPOSED HUNT SCHEDULE

SPECIES: Rabbit and Squirrel
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: Oct. 4 - Nov. 14, 1997 (w/o dogs)
Jan. 17 - Jan. 31, 1998 (w or w/o dogs)
Bag Limit: State Regulations
Permits: General Permit
Significant Changes: None

SPECIES: Deer (Either sex)
Type Hunt: Archery
Season: Nov. 15 - Dec. 1, 1997
Dec. 6 - Jan. 16, 1998
Bag Limit: State Regulations, Except 1 deer/day
Permits: General Permit
Significant Changes: None

SPECIES: Deer (Either sex)
Type Hunt: Muzzleloading
Season: Dec. 2 - 5, 1997
Bag Limit: State Regulations, Except 1 deer/day
Permits: General Permit
Significant Changes: None

SPECIES: Woodcock
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: Jan. 17 - Jan. 31, 1998
Bag Limit: Federal/State Regulations
Permits: General Permit
Significant Changes: None

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CAMERON PRAIRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
1997 HUNT SEASON

Species:	Either-sex deer
Type hunt:	Archery
Season:	All dates of October
Bag limit:	State regulations
Permits:	Season permits required
Other requirements:	Must have proof of completion for the International Bowhunters Education Program.
Stands:	Only portable stands may be used And must be removed by October 31 of each year.
Firearms:	None are allowed
Check stations:	All deer harvested must be checked at a self-clearing check station.
Significant changes:	None

Paul J. Kysal
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**D'ARBONNE AND UPPER OUACHITA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES
PROPOSED SEASONS, 1997-98**

Species: Waterfowl (ducks and coots)
 Type Hunt: General
 Season: Mornings only during State season
 Bag Limit: State regulations
 Permits: None required
 Significant Changes: Expanded waterfowl hunting area to entire
 north unit of Upper Ouachita

Species: Squirrel, rabbit, quail, woodcock,
 beaver, coyote and feral hog
 Type Hunt: General – dogs allowed for squirrel
 and rabbit hunting after the last
 refuge deer gun season
 Season: State season
 Bag Limit: State regulations
 Permits: None required
 Significant Changes: None

Species: Raccoon and opossum (also beaver, coyote,
 and feral hog)
 Type Hunt: General
 Season: January only (may also take raccoons and
 opossum during rabbit season)
 Bag Limit: State regulations
 Permits: None required
 Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-sex deer, beaver, coyote and
 feral hog
 Type Hunt: Archery
 Season: State season
 Bag Limit: State regulations
 Permits: None required
 Significant Changes: None

Bow Hunting Course Required

Species: Either-sex deer, beaver, coyote and
 feral hog
 Type Hunt: General (gun, archery)
 Season: Five days within the Union Parish
 either-sex season (November 1-2,
 November 28-30)
 Bag Limit: State regulations
 Permits: None required
 Significant Changes: None

Lee R. Fulton

Wayne M. Syron

LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
PROPOSED HUNT REGULATIONS FOR 1997/98 SEASON.

Migratory Game Birds

Species:	Waterfowl.
Type Hunt:	General gun.
Season:	Mornings until noon on Wednesday through Sunday during State duck seasons (including early teal) for western zone.
Bag Limit:	Same as state bag limits.
Permits:	Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and in hunter's possession.
Significant Changes:	None. However, one day youth hunt added last year will be continued if state chooses.

Hunting of geese, ducks and coots is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting is permitted Wednesday through Sunday.
2. Hunting ends at noon each day.
3. Hunters may not enter the hunting area before 4 am.
4. Hunting is not permitted within 50 yards of a canal or waterway.
5. Hunters must use and be in possession only of shells containing Federally approved non-toxic shot and firearms legal for hunting waterfowl.
6. Only portable blinds are permitted. Blinds must be spaced a minimum of 150 yards apart.
7. Decoys may not be set to attract waterfowl after noon each day.
8. Decoys and blinds must be removed from the refuge by the last day of each season and each split of a split season.
9. Hunting is not permitted during the goose-only portion of the waterfowl season.
10. Motorized boats may be used only in canals and bayous. Access into the marsh and ponds is permitted by walking, poling, paddling or rowing.
11. Hunters may scout in the hunting area from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset during the week prior to each season.

LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
PROPOSED HUNT REGULATIONS FOR 1997/98 SEASON

Big Game

Species:	Deer, either sex.
Type Hunt:	Archery.
Season:	October 1 through 31.
Bag Limit:	One deer of either sex per day.
Permits:	Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and in hunter's possession.
Significant Changes:	The newly aquired Cotoplot area will be added to the hunting area.

Hunting of white-tailed deer is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting is permitted from October 1 through October 31.
2. Only archery hunting is permitted.
3. Permanent deer stands not permitted. Portable stands must be removed by October 31.
4. No person may possess or distribute bait or hunt over bait.
5. No firearms allowed.
6. Hunters may scout from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset prior to the season.
7. All boats are prohibited in Lacassine Pool and Unit A after October 15. The following boat access restrictions apply: Lacassine Pool - boats with motors of 25 hsp. or less from Oct. 1 - 15; Unit A - boats without motors from Oct. 1 - 15; Canals and Bayous outside Lacassine Pool - no limitation on motors Oct. 1 - 31; and Marshes - boats without motors Oct. 1 - 31.

TENSAS RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
1997-98 PROPOSED HUNT SEASON

<u>SPECIES:</u>	Turkey
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	To be announced later
Bag Limit:	State Regulations (except 2 turkeys per season)
Permits:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None

<u>SPECIES:</u>	Squirrel and Rabbit (No Dogs)
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	Oct. 4-Dec. 12, 1997, Except closed during Youth Hunt and General Gun Hunts for Deer.
Bag Limit:	State Regulations
Permits:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None

<u>SPECIES:</u>	Squirrel and Rabbit (With or Without Dogs)
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	Dec. 15, 1997 -Jan. 18, 1998
Bag Limit:	State Regulations
Permits:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None

<u>SPECIES:</u>	Raccoon
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	Dec. 15, 1997-Jan. 18, 1998
Bag Limit:	No bag limit
Permits:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	Horses and mules allowed for raccoon hunting from sunset to sunrise. (significant but not a change)

<u>SPECIES:</u>	Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt:	Archery
Season:	Nov. 1, 1997-Jan. 31, 1998 (Closed during general deer Gun Hunts and Youth hunt)
Bag Limit:	State Regulations (except no firearms allowed and one deer per day)
Permits:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None

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SPECIES: Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt: Youth ~~8, 9~~
Season: Nov. ~~15-16~~, 1997
Bag Limit: State Regulations (one deer per day)
Permits: Season Permit on Brochure and youth hunters posses certification of completion of Hunter Safety Course.
Significant Changes: None

SPECIES: Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt: General Gun - 1
Season: Nov. 28-29, 1997
Bag Limit: State Regulations (one deer per day)
Permits: Limited Permit Hunt (Lottery)
Significant Changes: None

SPECIES: Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt: General Gun - 2
Season: Dec. 13-14, 1997
Bag Limit: State Regulations (one deer per day)
Permits: Limited Permit Hunt (Lottery)
Significant Changes: None

SPECIES: Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt: Muzzleloader
Season: 12/01 - 12/05
Bag Limit: State Regulations (one deer per day)
Permits: Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes: None

SPECIES: Waterfowl
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, until noon during state season.
Bag Limit: State Regulations
Permits: Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes: None

SPECIES: Hogs
Type Hunt: General Gun and Archery
Season: OPEN during squirrel, rabbit, and archery season.
Bag Limit: CLOSED during general gun deer hunts, muzzleloader hunt, and turkey and raccoon hunts.
Permits: None
Season Permit on Brochure

woodcock

Dec 15 - Jan. 31, 1997

Significant Changes:

None

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Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge Complex
Proposed Refuge Hunts for 1997-98

Species:	Squirrel, rabbit, raccoon
Type Hunt:	General gun, non-toxic shot
Season:	October 4-31, 1997
Bag Limit:	State regulations (no dogs)
Permits:	General permit, hunter bag report required
Significant Changes:	None

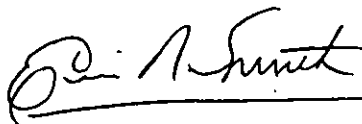
Species:	Deer
Type Hunt:	Archery (either sex)
Season:	November 1, 1997 - January 31, 1998 (Closed during refuge muzzleloader, waterfowl, youth hunts)
Bag Limit:	State regulations, one deer/day
Permits:	General permit, hunter bag report required Bowhunter education required
Significant Changes:	Longer season

Species:	Deer
Type Hunt:	Muzzleloader
Season:	<i>File</i> Bucks-only - December 13-14, 1997 Either-sex - December 15-19, 1997
Bag Limit:	State regulations, one deer/day
Permits:	General permit, mandatory check station
Significant Changes:	None

Species:	Deer
Type Hunt:	Youth (<16 years), shotgun only, either-sex
Season:	December 6-7, 1997
Bag Limit:	State regulations, one deer/day
Permits:	General permit. Hunter safety course certification required
Significant Changes:	Discontinued lottery, expanded hunt area

Species:	Waterfowl (ducks and coots)
Type Hunt:	General gun
Season:	Dec 20, 1997 - end of State second split. Hunt open until 12:00 noon, Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday
Bag Limit:	State regulations
Permits:	General permit, hunter bag report required
Significant Changes:	None

*Entire 2nd split
Except
Closed Aug
M15 on*



Proposed Hunt Dates: Bogue Chitto NWR (Louisiana) 1997-1998

Deer: Archery--October 1-31 and January 3-18 (either sex)
General Gun Hunt--November 22-27 (bucks only)
November 28 (either sex) ²⁹
November ~~28~~-30 (bucks only)
December 13-21 (bucks only)

Squirrel & Rabbit: October 4-January 18 (no dogs)

Squirrel: January 19-~~Feb~~ (with dogs) Feb. 8

Rabbit & Raccoon: January 19-February 28 (with dogs)

Turkey: State Season (gobblers only)

Waterfowl: State Season until noon.

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Proposed Hunt Dates: Big Branch Marsh NWR 1997-1998

Deer: Archery--State season

Waterfowl: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the state duck season, includes special teal hunt and youth waterfowl hunt.

Hogs: May be taken during all refuge hunts.

Proposed Hunt Dates: Delta NWR 1997-1998

Deer: Archery--October 1-31 (either sex)

Waterfowl: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the state duck seasons, includes special teal hunt and youth waterfowl hunt.

Rabbit: From the day after the state duck season closes through February 28.

Hogs: May be taken during the deer archery hunt.

Howard Portwood

State of Louisiana



James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
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4 February 1997

M.J. "Mike" Foster
Governor

MEMO

TO: Dave Moreland, Deer Study Leader
FROM: James C. Davis, Dist. 7 Game Biologist
RE: Avondale Scout Reservation Youth Hunt

Please consider asking the Commission to allow scheduling of the Camp Avondale Scout Reservation Youth Hunt for:

November 1-2, 1997 and
November 8-9-10, 1997.

Due to a heavy scheduling of other Scouting activities a prolonged hunting season is not possible. It is necessary to schedule a brief hunt during the peak of the rut in order to take the number of deer necessary to control the herd.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any problems please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James C. Davis".

James C. Davis



James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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M.J. "Mike" Foster
Governor

TO: Dave Morrison, Wildlife Division Programs Manager
FROM: Steve John Hebert, Wildlife Division District I Supervisor
DATE: February 3, 1997
TOPIC: Hunting Seasons for LAAP and Barksdale AFB

Due to an oversight on my part the recommended seasons for the Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant and Barksdale Air Force Base were left off my season recommendations for 1997-1998. Please accept my apologies for the error.

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE

Bossier City, Bossier Parish, Louisiana

Deer: Same as Area 2 season, ALL EITHER SEX. Hunting as permitted by Air Force Base Commander.

Small Game: Same as outside. Hunting as permitted by Air Force Base Commander.

LOUISIANA ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT

Webster Parish, Louisiana

Deer: Same as Area 2 season, ALL EITHER SEX. Hunting as permitted by Army.

Small Game: Same as outside. Hunting as permitted by Army.

Bayou Colewa WMA

Doves: Same as outside

Quail and Woodcock: Same as outside

Rabbit and Squirrel: Same as outside

No vehicles allowed, including ATVs

HUTCHINSON CREEK WMA
PROPOSED REGULATIONS ~~1996/97~~

1997-98

Small Game and Turkey: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunting only for rabbits.

Deer: Archery only, Oct. 1-Jan. 31

State of Louisiana



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M.J. "Mike" Foster
Governor

February 27, 1997

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Dave Morrison

FROM: John B. Robinette, Dist. V Wildlife Supervisor *JBR*

SUBJECT: Hunting Seasons on Wal-Nut Hill and Marsh Bayou WMA's

Hunting Season's on Wal-Nut Hill and Marsh Bayou WMA's for 1997-98 will run concurrent with statewide hunting seasons in their portion of the state.

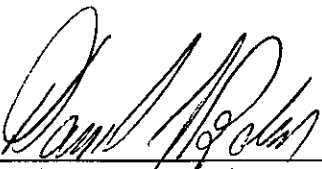
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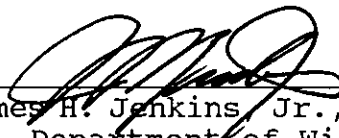
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RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 8, 1997

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, July 8, 1997.

- WHEREAS,** it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting season for turkeys, and
- WHEREAS,** authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and
- WHEREAS,** this action will provide for the protection and conservation of wild turkeys and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and
- WHEREAS,** the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of wild turkeys are hereby adopted as a Notice of Intent by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.



Daniel J. Babin, Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its July meeting does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of wild turkeys. A synopsis of said rule is attached to and made part of this notice of intent, along with a complete copy of the regulations.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR 23: (1997).

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondences to other agencies of government.

Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until September 26, 1997 to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

Daniel J. Babin

Chairman

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS

(Shooting hours - one-half hour

before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset)

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Turkey	See Schedule	1	3/Season

TURKEY HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	SEASON DATES
A	March 21 - April 26
B	April 11 - April 26
C	March 21 - March 29

Wildlife Management Turkey Hunting Schedule*

WMA	Season Dates	Permit Requirements (Mandatory)	Lottery Dates**
Bens Creek†	March 21-April 12	Self-Clearing	None
Boeuf	March 21-March 29	Self-Clearing	None
Big Lake	March 21-March 29	Self-Clearing	None
Bodcau	April 11-April 26	Self-Clearing	None
Boise Vernon	March 21-April 12	Self-Clearing	None
Camp Beauregard	March 21-April 5	Self-Clearing	None
Dewey Wills	March 21-March 29	Self-Clearing	March 21-22 March 23-25
Fort Polk	March 21-April 26	Self-Clearing	None
Georgia- Pacific	April 11-April 19	Self-Clearing	April 11-12 April 13-15

Grassy Lake	March 21-March 29	Self-Clearing	None
Jackson-Bienville	April 11-April 26	Self-Clearing	None
Little River	March 21-April 5	Self-Clearing	None
Loggy Bayou	April 18-April 19 April 25-April 26	Self-Clearing	April 18-19 April 25-26
Pearl River	March 21-April 5	Self-Clearing	None
Peason Ridge	March 21-April 26	Self-Clearing	None
Pomme de Terre	March 21-March 29	Self-Clearing	None
Red River	March 21-March 29	Self-Clearing	None
Sabine	March 21-March 22 March 28-March 29	Self-Clearing	March 21-22 March 28-29
Sandy Hollow†	March 21-April 12	Self-Clearing	None
Sherburne	March 21-March 29	Self-Clearing	March 21-22 March 23-25
Sicily Island	March 21-March 22 March 28-March 29 April 4-April 5	Self-Clearing	March 21-22 March 28-29 April 4-5
Three Rivers	March 21-March 29	Self-Clearing	None
Tunica Hills	March 21-March 22 March 28-March 29 April 4-April 5	Self-Clearing	March 21-22 March 28-29 April 4-5

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its July meeting does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of wild turkeys.

1998 TURKEY HUNTING SEASON SCHEDULE

Shooting Hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Daily limit is one gobbler, three gobblers per season. Still hunting only. Use of dogs, baiting, electronic calling devices and live decoys is illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and bow and arrow but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited.

No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. Baiting means placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys.

A baited area is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed.

Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and

to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closure.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries strongly discourages "feeding" agricultural grains to wild turkeys as this practice increases the risk of birds contracting potentially lethal diseases. Repeatedly placing grain in the same area may expose otherwise healthy birds to disease contaminated soils, grain containing lethal toxins and other diseased turkeys using the same feeding site. Properly distributed food plots (clovers, wheat, millet and chufa) are far more desirable for turkeys and have the added benefit of appealing to a wide variety of wildlife.

It is unlawful to take from the wild or possess in captivity any live wild turkeys or their eggs. No pen raised turkeys from within or without the state shall be liberated (released) within the state.

All licensed turkey hunters are required to have a Turkey Stamp in their possession while turkey hunting in addition to basic and big game licenses.

1998 TURKEY HUNTING SEASON

Open Only in the Following Areas

Area A

March 21-April 26

All of the Following Parishes Are Open:

East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Grant, Livingston, Natchitoches, Rapides, Sabine, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Vernon, Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island).

Portions of the Following Parishes Are Also Open:

Allen: North of La. 26 from DeRidder to the junction of La. 104 and north of La. 104.

Avoyelles: That portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River northward from Simmesport, on the north by Red River to the Brouillette Community, on the west by La. 452 from Brouillette to La. 1 eastward to Simmesport, EXCEPT that portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east and south by La. 451, on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its junction at the Bayou des Glaize structure east of Bordelonville southward to its junction with La. 451.

Beauregard: North of La. 26 east of DeRidder, west of Hwy. 171 from the junction of Hwy. 26 south to Calcasieu Parish.

Calcasieu: West of U.S. 171 north of I-10 and north of I-10 from the jct. of U.S. 171 to Texas state line.

Caldwell: West of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula Parish line, east and north of La. 126 and south and west of La. 127.

Catahoula: West of Ouachita River southward to La. 559 at Duty Ferry, north of La. 559 to La. 124, south and west of La. 124 from Duty Ferry to La. 8 at Harrisonburg and north of La. 8 to La. 126, north and east of La. 126. ALSO that portion of Catahoula listed below.

Catahoula, Concordia, Franklin, Madison, Richland and Tensas: East of U.S. 65 from the East Carroll Parish line to U.S. 80, south of U.S. 80 westward to La. 17, east of La. 17 and La. 15 from Delhi to Winnsboro to Clayton; west of U.S. 65 from Clayton to junction

of La. 128, north of La. 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of La. 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry. Also all lands in Tensas and Madison parishes lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River.

Evangeline: North and west of La. 115, north of La. 106 from St. Landry to La. 13, west of La. 13 from Pine Prairie to Mamou and north of La. 104 west of Mamou.

Iberville: West of La. Hwy. 1. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

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April 11-April 26

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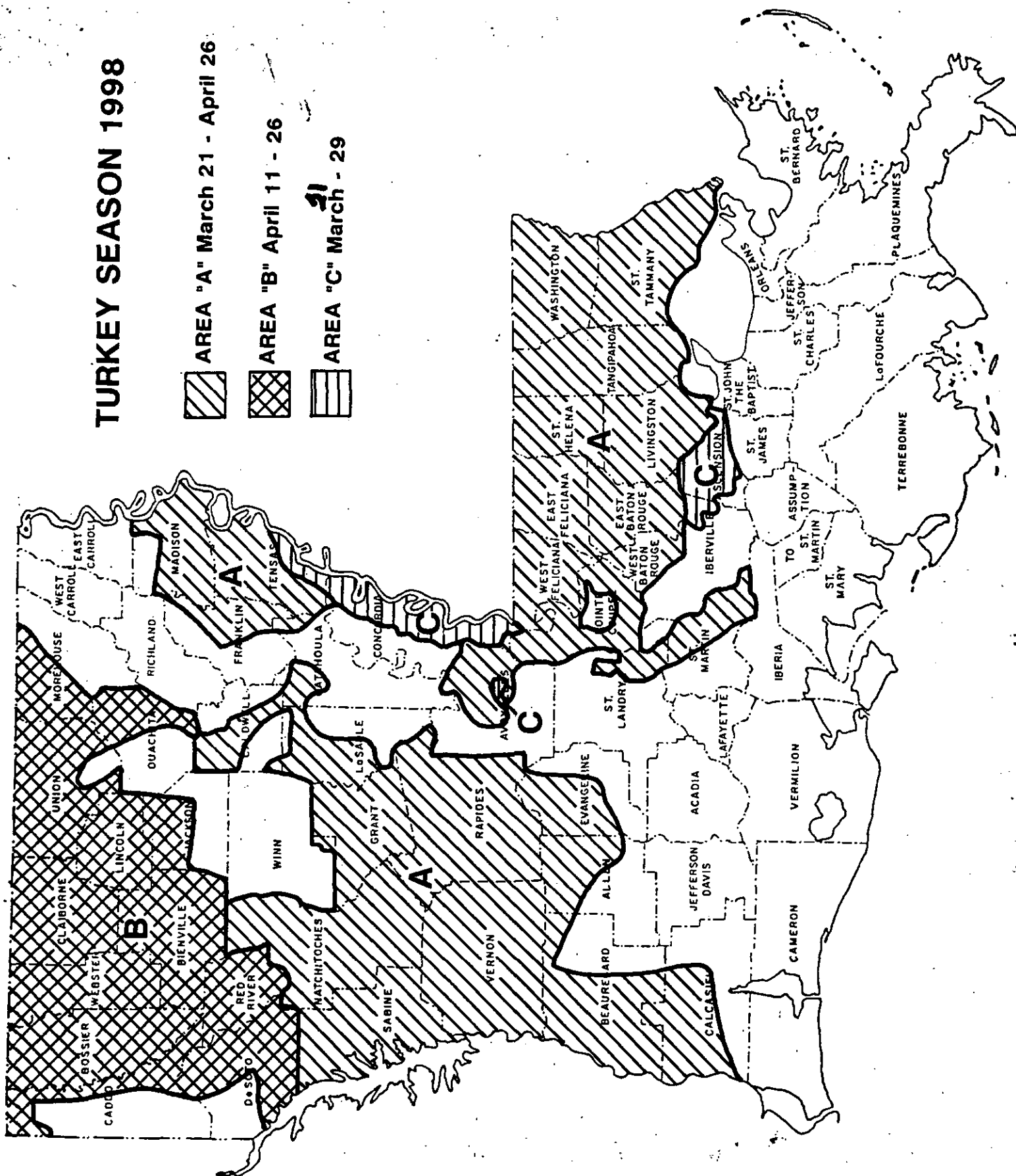
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Daniel J. Babin

TURKEY SEASON 1998

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RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 8, 1997

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, July 8, 1997.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting season for turkeys, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of wild turkeys and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of wild turkeys are hereby adopted as a Notice of Intent by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Daniel J. Babin, Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its July meeting does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of wild turkeys. A synopsis of said rule is attached to and made part of this notice of intent, along with a complete copy of the regulations.

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Chairman

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS

(Shooting hours - one-half hour

before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset)

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Turkey	See Schedule	1	3/Season

TURKEY HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	SEASON DATES
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Shooting Hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Daily limit is one gobbler, three gobblers per season. Still hunting only. Use of dogs, baiting, electronic calling devices and live decoys is illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and bow and arrow but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited.

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A baited area is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed.

Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and

to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closure.

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1998 TURKEY HUNTING SEASON

Open Only in the Following Areas

Area A

March 21-April 26

All of the Following Parishes Are Open:

East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Grant, Livingston, Natchitoches, Rapides, Sabine, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Vernon, Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island).

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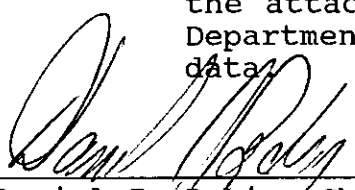
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Gentlemen,

It is my understanding that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will set the 1997 alligator season at their commission meeting today, Tuesday, July 8, 1997. The alligator season has been based on biological data regarding time of nesting since the program's inception. As a landowner technical representative, and in consultation with other landowner technical representatives, our calculations yield that peak of hatching should be circa August 20 1997. Allowing a one week period after peak of hatching for later nesters to accomplish nest opening, a season opening of August 30, 1997 is recommended. This August 30th opening date will enable the opening of alligator season to coincide with Labor Day weekend and will allow for the harvest prior to other competing activities and adverse weather in September.

By this means, I respectfully request that the 1997 alligator season have an opening date of August 30, 1997 to coincide with sound biological data. This office has looked at over 10,000 eggs and feel that this data and the data of other landowner technical staff calculates an August 30th opening is biologically correct.

Please distribute this prior to the commission meeting opening this morning to each commissioner so that those commissioners shall understand our position for this request. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you need additional information I can be reached at 318-433-1057.

Sincerely,



David Richard

DR:kd

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provision of R.S. 49:953(B), and the Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:967(D) which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission use emergency procedures to set the wild alligator season, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular monthly meeting held July 8, 1997 in Baton Rouge, LA does hereby set the 1997 wild alligator season dates as follows:

The annual wild alligator season dates shall be September 6, 1997 through October 5, 1997.

This emergency adoption is necessary to allow department biologists adequate time to gather the biological data required to recommend season dates and harvest quotas based on up to date information.

The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall have the authority to close, delay, reopen or extend this season as biologically justifiable.

Daniel J. Babin
Chairman

SEASON DATES AND AREAS OPENED TO ALLIGATOR HARVESTING IN LOUISIANA, 1972-1996

Year	Season Dates	No. of Days	Parishes	Number Harvested
1972	5 Sep.-17 Sep.	13	Cameron	1,350
1973	10 Sep.-28 Sep.	19	Added Vermilion	2,921
1975	20 Sep.-19 Oct.	30	Added Calcasieu	4,420
1976	9 Sep.- 8 Oct.	30	No change	4,389
1977	1 Sep.-30 Sep.	30	No change	5,474
1979	7 Sep.- 7 Oct.	31	Added Iberia, St. Mary, Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Charles, Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany	16,300
1980	4 Sep.- 4 Oct.	31	No change	17,692
1981	31 Aug.-30 Sep.	31	Statewide (63 parishes)	14,870
1982	4 Sep.- 3 Oct.	30	Statewide (63 parishes)	17,142
1983	10 Sep.- 9 Oct.	30	Statewide (63 parishes)	16,154
1984	8 Sep.- 7 Oct.	30	Statewide (63 parishes)	17,389
1985	31 Aug.-30 Sep.	31	Statewide (63 parishes)	16,691
1986	6 Sep.- 6 Oct.	31	Statewide (63 parishes)	22,429
1987	5 Sep.- 5 Oct.	31	Statewide (63 parishes)	23,892
1988	10 Sep.-10 Oct.	31	Statewide (63 parishes)	23,526
1989	9 Sep.- 8 Oct.	30	Statewide (63 parishes)	24,846
1990	1 Sep.-30 Sep.	30	Statewide (63 parishes)	25,575
1991	31 Aug.-29 Sep.	30	Statewide (63 parishes)	23,870
1992	10 Sep.- 4 Oct.	25	Statewide (63 parishes)	24,000
1993	11 Sep.-10 Oct.	30	Statewide (63 parishes)	24,000
1994	3 Sep.- 2 Oct.	30	Statewide (63 parishes)	27,120
1995	2 Sep.- 1 Oct.	30	Statewide (63 parishes)	28,442
1996	7 Sep.- 6 Oct.	30	Statewide (63 parishes)	26,000±

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RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts a rule establishing visitor regulations for Spanish Lake State Game and Fishing Preserve.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part III. State Game and Fish Preserves and Sanctuaries

Chapter 3. Particular Game and Fish Preserves and Commissions

§329. Spanish Lake State Game and Fishing Preserve

General

1. The preserve will open one-half hour before official sunrise and close one-half hour after official sunset. It will be closed to all nighttime activities.

2. Existing gates will remain in place. Parking is restricted to designated parking areas.

3. The levee road will have one-way traffic with the entrance at the boat ramp and the exit on Bernard Drive.

4. ATV's (three wheelers and four wheelers) and motorbikes are prohibited on the levee.

5. Discharge of any firearms on the levees is prohibited.

6. Overnight camping is prohibited, except by special permit issued by Spanish Lake Game and Fishing Preserve Commission for supervised groups only.

7. The possession or use of commercial nets, including

hoop nets, trammel nets, gill nets and fish seines, is prohibited, except by special permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

8. No trapping of furbearing animals, except by special permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6, 721, et seq. and 801 and R.S. 36:610.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 23: (July 1997).

Daniel J. Babin

Chairman

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

JUNE 1997

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT-JUNE 1997

REGION I

TOTAL CASES-91

W.A.&REFUGES-3

47-Boating

13-Angling W/O A License

1-Angling W/O License Non-Resident

15-Fishing W/O Resident Pole License

1-Possess Over Limit Undersize Game Fish

3-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

6-Sell Fish W/O Wholesale Dealer's License Resident

4-DWI

1-Riding An ATV On A Public Road

CONFISCATIONS:

24 black bass.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION I:

47-Boating

33-Sport Fishing

6-Commercial Fishing

5-Misc.

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REGION 2

TOTAL CASES-95

W.A.&REFUGES-3

39-Boating

3-Buy/Sell Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail License

19-Angling W/O A License

5-Angling W/O a Non-Resident License

18-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

3-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

3-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On W.A.

1-Flight From An Officer

1-Operate ATV Public Road

2-Possession Of Marijuana

1-Passing In No Passing Zone

CONFISCATIONS:

1 pistol, 1 bag marijuana,

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2:

39-Boating

1-Littering

3-Commercial Fishing

8-Public Assistance

45-Sports Fishing

7-Other

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REGION 3

TOTAL CASES-180

W.A.&REFUGES-17

68-Boating

52-Angle W/O License In Possession

6-Fishing W/O Resident Pole License

3-Angle W/O Non-Resident License In Possession

3-Use Recreational Gear W/O Gear License

3-Possession Illegal/Undersize Black Bass

2-Possession Firearm While Frogging

4-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. Of Comm

1-Illegal Spotlighting From Public Road

17-Trespass On State Property

2-Criminal Trespass

5-Operate ATV On Public Road

3-Illegal Possession Of Marijuana

6-Littering

CONFISCATIONS:

**60 lbs. Of catfish, 4 black bass, 1 raccoon, 1 outboard motor, 1- 20 foot boat, 7 hoopnets,
1 rifle, 1 spotlight, 1 basic fishing license, 1 duplicate copy boat registration, 2 plastic
bags of marijuana, 3 partial marijuana cigarettes.**

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TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3:

68-Boating

73-Sport Fishing

6-Hunting

33-Other

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REGION 4

TOTAL CASES-90

W.A.&REFUGES-21

37-Boating

13-Angling W/O A License

17-Fishing W/O Resident Pole License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

2-Take Or Possess Gamefish Illegally

4-Not Abiding By Commission Rules And Regs. /taking slot fish

2-Take/Or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License

3-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

1-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer License

7-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On W.A.

CONFISCATIONS:

7 hoop nets with leads, 78 crappie, 15 bass, 225 yards of 2 inch seine.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4:

37-Boating

46-Fishing

7-Other

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REGION 5

TOTAL CASES-203

W.A.&REFUGES-42

114-Boating

21-Angling W/O A Resident License

2-Angling W/O A Non-Resident License

1-Angling W/O A Saltwater License

1-Fail To Have Intact (Saltwater)

2-Take Or Possess Undersize Red Drum

4-Take Or Possess Undersize Black Drum

4-Take Or Possess Over limit Of Southern Flounder

11-Not Abiding By Commission Rules

3-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish

3-Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Gear License

3-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without Vessel License

4-Sell And/Or Buy Fish Without Wholesale/Retail License

4-Failure To Maintain Records

2-Transport Without Required License

1-Use Crab Traps Without Markings

4-Possess Crabs Undersize

1-Fail To Comply W/Shark Permit

5-Take/Or Possess Alligators Closed Season

5-Not Abiding By Rules And Ergs. On Refuge

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REGION 5 COND.

1-Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana

1-DWI

4-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

1-Hunt Squirrel Closed Season

1-Take Squirrels Illegal Methods

CONFISCATIONS:

**3 red drum, 8 black drum, 2 king mackerel, 2 cobia, 68 flounder, 1 Spanish mackerel
filet, 3 sharks, 3 alligators, 8 red snapper, 6 crates of crabs, 14 dozen of crabs, 5
squirrels, 1 rifle, 1-25 h.p. outboard motor, 1 home made squirrel trap, 1 bag of
marijuana, 1 metal clip, 2 empty beer bottles.**

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5:

114-Boating

5-Public Assistance

87-Fishing

2-Hunting

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REGION 6

TOTAL CASES-258

W.A.&REFUGES-12

199-Boating

15-Angling W/O A License

1-Angling W/O A Non-Resident License

3-Angling W/O A Resident Pole License

5-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

1-Not Abiding By Commission Rules

2-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

5-Take/Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait W/O Commercial License

4-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

4-Failure To Maintain Records

1-Fail To Mark Softshell Crab Boxes

6-Sell Undersize Crabs

1-Possession Of Live Alligator Without Permit

3-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On W.A.

3-Littering

1-Resisting An Officer

1-Public Intimidation

1-Threatening A Public Official

1-Disturbing The Peace

1-Flight From An Officer

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REGION 6 CONT'D.

CONFISCATIONS:

**1-2-foot alligator, 13 sacks of crawfish, 10 black bass, 1 beer can, 2 jet ski,
6 records, 1 red snapper, 1 skoal can, 1,465 lbs. Of undersize crabs.**

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6:

199-Boating

3-Littering

25-Sport Fishing

22-Commercial Fishing

1-Alligator

3-W.A.

5-Misc.

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REGION 7

TOTAL CASES-260

W.A.&REFUGES-0

132-Boating

86-Fish Without A License

9-Fish Without Non-Resident License

5-Fish Without Pole License

1-Crawfishing Without Commercial License

1-Crawfishing Without Gear License

5-No Wholesale Retail License

2-Failure To Maintain Records

1-Buy Commercial Fish From Unlicensed Fisherman

1-Fail To Comply With Spotted Sea trout Closure

1-Undersize Crabs

3-DWI

1-Filing Fake Document

2-Littering

10-Theft Against State-No Wake-Zone

CONFISCATIONS:

none.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7:

132-Boating	100-Sport Fishing	2-Littering
12-Commercial Fishing	14-Other	

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REGION 8

TOTAL CASES-331

W.A.&REFUGES-23

92-Boating

88-Angling W/O Basic License

5-Angling W/O A Non-Resident License

1-Use Recreational Gear W/O Gear License

4-Angling W/O A Saltwater License

1-Angling W/O A Non-Resident Saltwater License

1-Fail To Have Saltwater Stamp As Per 56:13:16: E

4-Use Illegal Bait Seines

2-Possess Over The Limit Of Red Drum

5-Possess Over The Limit OF Red Drum In Excess Of 27"

1-Take/Possess Undersized Red Drum

7-Take/Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

4-Take/Possess Undersized Black Drum

1-Possess Over The Limit Of Spotted Sea Trout

1-Sell Fish Caught Recreationally

12-Take/Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License

12-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

13-Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License

3-Sell Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealers License

7-Fail To Maintain Records

REGION 8 CONTD.,

1-Possess Undersize Red Snapper

2-Transport W/O Required License

3- Buy Commercial Fish From Unlicensed Fisherman

1- Allow Another To Use Commercial License

1- Fail To Mark Softshell Crab Container

2- Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel

2- Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear

5- Sell Undersize Crabs

2- Trawl In Inside Waters In Closed Season

3- Use Oversize Trawl Boards

2- Use Skimmers In Closed Season

2-Use Illegal Mesh Butterfly Nets

1-Use Illegal Butterfly Net Extension

1-Failure To Have Written Permission

1-Unlawfully Take Oysters Off A Private Lease

1-Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester's License

5-Frog In Closed Season

1-Take Grobec No Season

2-Take Federally controlled Fish In Closed Season

6-Violation Of Sanitation Code-Chapter 9

20-Other

REGION 8 CONTD..

3-Sell Or Purchase Gamefish

CONFISCATIONS:

21 red drum, 3 red snapper, 1 spoonbill catfish, 59 spotted Sea trout, 2 striped bass, 641 sacks of oysters, 1323 lbs. Of shrimp sold for \$1516.60, 7 trawls, 2 skimmer nets, 4 trawl boards, 1 personal watercraft, 1 commercial fishing license, 12 basic fishing license, 12 marine conservation stamp, 8 black drum, 2 alligators, 1450 lbs. Of crabs, 1 grosbec, 2 ice chests, ` 1 boat, 1 gear license, 1 vessel license, 12 saltwater license.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8:

92-Boating

126-Sport Fishing

78-Commercial Fishing

9-Oysters

5-Amphibians

1-Hunting

20-Other

REGION 8

SHRIMP ACTIVITY REPORT

COMPLAINTS

1. Inside and outside waters were open for shrimping the entire month. Only a few complaints were received regarding illegal gear, mainly oversized trawls and four rigs in Breton and Chandeleur Sounds.

PATROLS

1. Regular patrols by boat have been continued. Several cases were made on shrimpers who were not properly licensed. Most shrimpers checked were in compliance. Shrimp effort was down due to small shrimp and smaller than usual numbers of shrimp.

Frequent thunderstorms also contributed to reduced effort. Our enforcement patrols was down for almost three weeks in June, which hurt our ability to patrol outlying areas.

INQUIRIES

1. We received numerous inquiries for TED information, which were referred to the LSU Cooperative Extension Service Fisheries Agent Gerald Horst.

2. We received more calls regarding mesh size, shrimp size, net and frames size, license requirements, and other legal questions. Numerous inquiries were received about the use of bait trawls and small trawls in closed season, which is illegal. Late in June, frequent calls were received about when the season would close, and when the fall season would open.

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SHRIMP ACTIVITY REPORT CONTD..

CASES

A total of 36 shrimp related cases were turned in for this month, as follows. See case report for details: (some were May cases which were not completed in time for the May report):

Closed/restricted area cases-9

Illegal gear cases -9

Licenses cases -18

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REGION 9

TOTAL CASES-358

W.A.&REFUGES-21

113-Boating

21-Angling W/O A License

5-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

5-Angling W/O A Saltwater License

4-Angling W/O A Saltwater License Non-Resident

2-Fail To Have Saltwater Stamp

1-Possess Game Fish Illegally

1-Taking Over limit Of Undersize Freshwater Gamefish

1-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

3-Possess Undersize Spotted Sea Trout

15-Take Undersize Black Drum

6-Take Over limit Black Drum

1-Not Abiding By Commission Rules And Ergs.

1-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

6-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License

7-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

11-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Vessel License

1-Shed Softshell Crabs W/O Shedding License

2-Fail To Maintain Records

3-Transport W/O Required License

REGION 9 CONTD.,

2-Illegal Shipping Of Commercial Fish

1-Leave Nets Unattended

1-Take Undersize Commercial Catfish

1-Buy Commercial Fish From Unlicensed Fisherman

1-Possess Crabs In Berry Stage

5-Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings

1-Set Crab Traps In Navigation Channels

1-Allow Another To Use Commercial License

1-Fail To Mark Crab Containers

1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel

3-Theft Of Crab Trap

18-Possess Commercial Hard Crabs

65-Sell Undersize Hard Commercial Crabs

2-Commercial truck W/o Display Of Owner Name And Address

1-Sell Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License

4-Use Illegal Mesh Trawl

1-Use Oversize Butterfly Nets

2-Use Illegal Butterfly Net Extension

6-Violate Shrimp Provisions

4-Take Alligators Closed Season

2-Illegal Possession Of Alligators

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REGION 9 COND.,

2-Possession Of Live Alligators W/O Permit

2-Collect Amphibians W/O Basic Fish License

12-Not Abiding By Rules And Ergs. On W.A. Cast Netting Late Night

3-Not Abiding By Rules And Ergs. On W.A. Skimming Late Night

1-Illegal Possess Of Marijuana

1-DWI

2-Possess Drug Paraphernalia

1-Possess Controlled Dangerous Substance

1-Violate Sanitary Code-Vessel Regulations

CONFISCATIONS:

24,120 lbs. Of crabs released to water, 12 dozen buster crabs released to water, 12 berry crabs released, 423 sacks of oysters released to water, 230 lbs. Of shrimp sold for \$257.50, 80 lbs. Of shrimp released, 82 black drum, 2 greater amber jack, 12 sacks of crawfish sold for \$272.00, 174 lbs. Of catfish sold for \$69.60, 146 catfish donated, 12 frogs released, 5 redfish released, 2 alligators, 150 minnows, 5 Sea trout, 1 pistol, 17 crab traps, 2 butterfly nets, 2 mamou trawls, 4 skimmer nets, 1 skiff, 1 boat and motor, 1 hoop net, 3 joints, 1 crack pipe, 1 package of rolling paper, 1 bag marijuana, 7 darvaset, 11 xanax, 1 film canister with white powder residue, 1 back pack, 1 set commercial records, 1 commercial license, 2 wooden stakes with nylon line, 1 drivers license.

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TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9:

113-Boating

65-Sport Fishing

135-Commercial Fishing

13-Trawling

8-Alligators

2-Amphibian

21-Other

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SPECIAL SEAFOOD INVESTIGATION UNIT

TOTAL CASES-40

1-Angling W/O A License

1-Angling W/O A Non-Resident License

1-Angling W/O Saltwater License

1-Possess Over limit Of Red Drum In Excess 27 inches

1-Take/Possess Undersize Spotted Sea Trout

1-Angling W/O A Saltwater License Non-Resident

1-Not Abiding By Commission Rules And Ergs.

3-Sell/Buy W/O Wholesale/Retail License

6-Fail To Maintain Records

3-Transport W/O Required License

2-Illegal Shipping Of Commercial Fish

2-Buy Commercial Fish From Unlicensed Fisherman

1-Fail To Comply Quota Closure

1-Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data

6-Take/Possess Undersize Crabs

1-Commercial Truck W/O Display

1-Obtain License By Fraud

1-Theft Of State Property

1-Filing False Public Documents (Other Than W/F)

2-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

SPECIAL SEAFOOD INVESTIGATION UNIT CONTD..

CONFISCATIONS:

2 undersize spotted sea trout, 50 lbs. Of spotted sea trout and 7 lbs. Of spotted sea trout filets sold for \$71.00, 3500 lbs. Of undersize crabs returned to water, 40 lbs. Of greater amber jack donated, 4 almako jack, 1 red snapper, 4 trigger fish, 14 pogies, 74 beeliner all donated, 55 lbs.of bee liner, 8 lbs. Of yellow grouper, 5 lbs. Of scamp grouper sold for \$230.00, 98 lbs. Of red drum donated.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SPECIAL SEAFOOD INVESTIGATION UNIT:

3-Boating

4-Sport Fishing

29-Commercial Fishing

4-Other

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S.W.E.P.

97 RUNNING HOURS

234 BOAT S CHECKED

TOTAL CASES-24

7-Boating

3-Possess Commercial Fishing W/O A Vessel License

3-Use Oversize Boards In Inside Waters

2-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

1-Take Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License

1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel

1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear

1-Misrepresent Booking Information

4-Angling W/O A Basic License

CONFISCATIONS:

2 trawl boards , 2 oyster dredges, 6 boxes of crabs returned to water, 168 sacks of oysters, 94 lbs. Of shrimp sold for \$94.00.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR S.W.E.P.

7-Boating

1-Other

12-Commercial Fishing

4-Sport Fishing

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OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL CASES-48

5-Boating

2-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License

2-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

7-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Vessel License

1-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealers License

1-Fail To Maintain Records

6-Angling W/O A License

3-Angling W/O A Saltwater License

8-Violation Of Sanitary Code-Chapter 9

3-Failure To Have Written Permission

1-Unlawfully Take Oyster Off Of A Private Lese

2-Hunting Rails Closed Season

5-Take Federal Controlled Fish Closed Season

1-Fail To Have Saltwater Stamp As Per 56:13:1E

1-Littering

CONFISCATIONS:

574 Sacks of oysters, 6 rails, 60 pounds of shrimp, 11 red drum.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OYSTER STRIKE FORCE:

5-Boating

25-Commercial Fishing

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OYSTER STRIKE FORCE CONTD..

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY CONTD..

5-Boating

1-Littering

25-Commercial Fishing

15-Sport Fishing

2-MGB

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STATEWIDE STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL CASES-73

26-Boating

11-Angling W/O A License

4-Angling W/O A Non-Resident License

1-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

2-Angling W/O Saltwater License

2-Angling W/O A Saltwater license Non-Resident

2-Fail To Have Saltwater Stamp

1-Take/Possess Undersize Spotted Sea Trout

1-Take Or Possess Undersize Black Drum

2-Take Or Possess Over limit Of Black Drum

1-Take Or Possess undersize Black Drum

6-Not Abiding By Commission Rules

1-Fail To Comply with Charter Boat Regs.

2-Sell And Or Buy Fish W/O A Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License

1-Fail To Maintain Records

1-Transport W/O Required License

1-Use Crab Traps W/O Required License

1-Fail To Mark Crab Containers

2-Possess Or Sell Undersize Crabs Commercial Hard Or Soft

1-Violation Of Sanitation Code-Chapter 9

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STATEWIDE STRIKE FORCE CONTD..

CONFISCATIONS:

5 bull reds.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR STATEWIDE STRIKE FORCE:

28-Boating

9-Commercial Fishing

1-Trawling

2-Alligator

2-W.A.

31-Sport Fishing

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TOTAL CASES-1707

TOTAL CASES W.A.&REFUGES-142

LOUISIANA NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

PROCLAMATION

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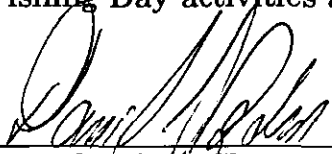
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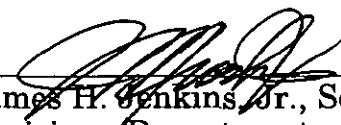
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SCHEDULE FOR FINAL RULES TO BE PUBLISHED IN STATE REGISTER

JULY-97	RULE - 1997-98 Hunting Season Regulations
	RULE - Spanish Lake State Game & Fishing Preserve
	RULE - Daily Take, Possession & Size Limits Set by Commission, Reef Fish
AUGUST-97	RULE - Black Bass, Atchafalaya Basin Complex
	RULE - Toledo Bend Reservoir Reciprocal Agreement
SEPT-97	RULE - Non-Resident Duck Stamp Fee
	RULE - Black Bass Regulations, Daily Take & Size Limits, John K. Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir
NOV-97	RULE - Waddill Wildlife Refuge
?	RULE - Oyster Lease Moratorium for New Acreage

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE: 2-JUL-1997

CURRENT MONTH 06/01/1997 TO 06/30/1997 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE 07/01/1996 TO 06/30/1997

INCEPTION TO DATE 06/30/1997

ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED
 HEARING COSTS ASSESSED
 SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS
 SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION

# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT
5	\$8,036.58	323	\$416,350.47	3,377	\$2,259,582.36
3	\$75.00	64	\$1,600.00	133	\$3,325.00
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	331	\$269,865.45
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	148	\$71,951.21

RESTITUTION ASSESSED

5	\$8,111.58	323	\$417,950.47	3,377	\$2,064,993.12
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PAYMENTS
 DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS
 OVERPAYMENTS
 REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT
 APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS
 APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE
 REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.
 RETURNED CHECKS
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 REASSESSMENTS
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 WRITE-OFFS
 ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN
 ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS
 FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE
 CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT

10	\$2,335.24-	272	\$52,876.64-	2,192	\$338,592.30-
5	\$765.34-	225	\$27,264.23-	1,476	\$166,861.50-
0	\$0.00	20	\$129.61	92	\$1,613.27
0	\$0.00	6	\$125.08	37	\$7,150.51
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$18,449.45-
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$10,601.49
0	\$0.00	2	\$2,816.42	18	\$78,254.09
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$36.75
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$35.00
0	\$0.00	1	\$0.85-	13	\$10.22-
0	\$0.00	3	\$632.64	18	\$6,532.69
0	\$0.00	9	\$20,855.69-	52	\$33,593.61-
0	\$0.00	4	\$576.58-	205	\$112,914.42-
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	6	\$1,399.24-
0	\$0.00	0	\$58.90-	0	\$58.90-
0	\$0.00	9	\$3,104.57-	21	\$22,867.51-
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00

** TOTAL OUTSTANDING

960 \$1,474,469.77

FOOTNOTE:

PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT
 AMOUNT PAID TO COLLECTOR
 FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS

0	\$0.00	9	\$180.00	55	\$11,020.67
0	\$0.00	1	\$45.00	1	\$2,755.16
0	\$0.00	1	\$0.00	1	\$0.00 *

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE: 2-JUL-1997

AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN		CAN NOT BE INVOICED			
1 - 30 DAYS	0	1 - 30 DAYS	3	\$125.52	
31 - 60 DAYS	1	31 - 60 DAYS	5	\$8,036.58	
61 - 90 DAYS	11	61 - 90 DAYS	12	\$7,969.19	
91 - 120 DAYS	5	91 - 120 DAYS	8	\$7,422.78	
121 - 150 DAYS	2	121 - 150 DAYS	10	\$8,692.91	
151 - 180 DAYS	8	151 - 180 DAYS	16	\$7,180.05	
181 - 365 DAYS	8	181 - 365 DAYS	6	\$2,375.48	
OVER ONE YEAR	76	CASES SENT FOR COLLECTION	58	\$67,694.66	
OVER TWO YEARS	176	OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	13	\$159,838.42	
OVER THREE YEARS	123	OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	0	\$0.00	
	64		829	\$1,205,134.18	
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** TOTAL AGING	474	** TOTAL AGING	960	\$1,474,469.77	

MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR SALE GOODS	NO. CASES PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN	Percent Dollars Paid	Percent Cases Paid
FISCAL YEAR 1993-94								
July, 1993	25	21,039	(9,778)	29	4,855	2,545		
Aug., 1993	53	44,922	(1,137)	41	7,950	3,603		
Sept., 1993	42	137,635	(17,938)	35	6,783	3,048		
Oct., 1993	49	21,471	(11,282)	40	3,285	1,519		
Nov., 1993	57	31,207	(13,260)	32	3,053	2,845		
Dec., 1993	53	13,777		27	6,507	6,713		
Jan., 1994	38	18,918		32	4,423	2,831		
Feb., 1994	68	38,131	(8,238)	46	9,124	5,993		
Mar., 1994	38	22,739	(2,482)	51	10,854	6,796		
April, 1994	14	44,732	(1,404)	27	7,307	4,632		
May, 1994	10	4,504	(165)	7	5,447	3,808		
June, 1994	29	26,167	(2,986)	12	1,886	1,214		
Total FY 1994	476	425,242	(68,670)	379	71,474	45,547	27.5%	79.6%
FISCAL YEAR 1994-95								
July, 1994	17	2,127	(335)	23	2,101	1,437		
Aug., 1994	41	96,403	(3,035)	20	1,010	605		
Sept., 1994	34	14,614	(14,002)	26	2,596	2,342		
Oct., 1994	94	17,426	(8,677)	38	2,922	3,179		
Nov., 1994	43	103,592		45	3,992	2,803		
Dec., 1994	68	31,400		35	4,315	2,329		
Jan., 1995	55	27,601		52	7,493	4,921		
Feb., 1995	70	61,119		41	6,472	3,973		
Mar., 1995	31	25,072		44	8,315	4,737		
Apr., 1995	13	15,353		16	3,565	1,538		
May., 1995	23	11,632		16	4,315	654		
June 1995	45	31,008		18	2,630	1,025		
Total FY 1995	534	437,347	(26,049)	374	49,726	29,543	18.1%	70.0%
FICAL YEAR 1995-96								
July, 1995	0	0						
Aug., 1995	46	17,425		27	9,028	1,729		
Sept., 1995	1	125		21	3,093	2,049		
Oct., 1995	122	206,244		29	2,720	1,161		
Nov., 1995	55	23,124		62	10,151	6,383		
Dec., 1995	50	18,607		32	4,781	2,803		
Jan., 1996	49	13,815	(15,296)	36	5,297	3,473		
Feb., 1996	50	14,717		38	5,778	3,417		
Mar., 1996	33	24,937		36	6,035	3,422		
Apr., 1996	30	11,007		36	7,173	2,712		
May., 1996	23	7,989		24	3,942	2,020		
June 1996	50	22,151		16	2,790	1,182		
Total FY 1996	509	360,141	(15,296)	357	60,787	30,350	25.3%	70.1%
FICAL YEAR 1995-96								
July, 1996	40	71,894		32	5,250	2,948		
Aug., 1996	32	5,363		32	6,255	3,784		
Sept., 1996	41	7,210		29	2,260	1,327		
Oct., 1996	29	11,093		25	3,698	2,262		
Nov., 1996	20	10,009		22	1,625	698		
Dec., 1996	13	238,466		22	5,877	2,122		
Jan., 1997	27	11,755		17	4,393	2,377		
Feb., 1997	47	18,521		42	8,580	5,553		
Mar., 1997	26	13,434		27	5,000	2,758		
Apr., 1997	10	2,909		15	2,323	1,299		
May., 1997	20	11,683		15	5,199	1,399		
June 1997	5	8,037		10	2,335	765		
Total FY 1997	310	410,373	0	288	52,794	27,290	19.5%	92.9%

AGENDA

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LA
July 8, 1997
10:00 AM

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of June 6, 1997
3. Final Ratification - 1997-98 Resident Game Hunting Seasons - Tommy Prickett
4. Notice of Intent - 1998 Spring Turkey Hunting Season Dates - Hugh Bateman
5. Announce Tentative 1997-98 Migratory Bird (Teal, Dove, Woodcock, Snipe, Rail & Gallinules) Hunting Season Dates - Mike Olinde
6. Declaration of Emergency - Set 1997 Alligator Season - Phil Bowman
7. National Hunting & Fishing Day Proclamation - Marianne Marsh
8. Rule Ratification - Spanish Lake State Game & Fish Preserve Commission - Bennie Fontenot
9. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/June - Winton Vidrine
10. Division Reports - Information & Education
 - a. Youth Challenge Results
 - b. Radio Talk Show
11. Set November 1997 Meeting Date
12. Public Comments
13. Adjournment

Thursday AM

10AM must w/ KMcKasland

BRM office

need to call E

~~Elred~~

(WJB)
1150AM

Dick Smith - Dog Hunter Assn.

Area 2/3

- working people = no chance
- condemned "old" board
- 27 days notification ~~not~~ short
- recommended 1 yr delay

Perry questioned striking Wildlife Div. from
"with the concurrence of the Wildlife Division"

R. Lanctot - concerned about process = against statement
requested to delete

San Latino Area 6
→ spike back ~~not~~ hunting

Pierce Summers - senior citizen

req. ~~9~~ trails opened for 3-4 wheeler trails
re-examination of use

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

NEWS RELEASE

James H. Jenkins Jr.
Secretary



CONTACT
504/765-2923

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JULY COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA AMENDED

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has amended the agenda for its next regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 8, 1997, at 10 a.m. The meeting is scheduled to convene at Department of Wildlife and Fisheries headquarters, 2000 Quail Drive, in Baton Rouge.

The meeting is open to the public. The amended agenda follows.

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July 1, 1997

NEWS RELEASE

APPROVED: 

AMENDED AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

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June 23, 1997

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State of Louisiana



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M.J. "Mike" Foster
Governor

June 23, 1997

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
SUBJECT: July Commission Meeting Agenda

The next regular Commission meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, July 8, 1997, in the Louisiana Room at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

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OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

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OFFICE OF FISHERIES

INFORMATION & EDUCATION

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WINTON VIDRINE

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JHJ:sch

C: Clyde Kimball
Ron Couvillion
Johnnie Tarver
John Roussel
Craig Lamendola
Don Puckett
Dennis Kropog
Division Chiefs

faxed 9:32AM

C O V E R



FAX

S H E E T

To: Danny Babin

Fax #: 504-563-4202

Subject: July Commission Agenda

Date: June 23, 1997

Pages: 3, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

Please review the attached and then call me. Thank you.

From the desk of...

Susan Hawkins

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
SUBJECT: July Commission Meeting Agenda

The next regular Commission meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, July 8, 1997, in the Louisiana Room at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

The following items will be discussed:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of June 6, 1997

OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

3. Final Ratification - 1997-98 Resident Game Hunting Seasons
4. Notice of Intent - 1998 Spring Turkey Hunting Season Dates
5. Announce Tentative 1997-98 Migratory Bird (Teal, Dove, Woodcock, Snipe, Rail & Gallinules) Hunting Season Dates
6. Declaration of Emergency - Set 1997 Alligator Season

OFFICE OF FISHERIES

INFORMATION & EDUCATION

7. National Hunting & Fishing Day Proclamation

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8. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/June
9. Division Reports - Information & Education
 - a. Youth Challenge Results
 - b. Radio Talk Show
10. Set November 1997 Meeting Date
11. Public Comments

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C: Clyde Kimball
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Wildlife Division

- 1- Final Ratification, 97-98 Resident Game Hunting Seasons - T. Puckett
- 2- Notice of Intent, 1998 Spring Turkey Hunting Season Dates - H. Bateman
(Teal, Dove, Woodcock, Snipe and Gallinules)
- 3- ~~Notice of Intent~~ 1997-98 Migratory Bird Hunting Seasons - ~~Mike Foster~~ Mike Foster
~~Department of Emergency~~
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Dear Susan:
The Inland Fisheries Division
has ~~no~~ agenda items for the July 8th
Commission Meeting. Thanks to you.

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